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Dear Sir, Please forgive me for the long time you had to wait for receiving the stamps, but at least, here they are!

Of course I don't go to work any more, and could go to Brazza sooner, but my baby is born the 21 September, and I never thought that such a little boy could take so much time of his mother.

I have been very happy to receive a letter from you, and to hear that you had a nice trip, but what makes me more happy, is to learn that you are going to send me a narrative of your trip, because, I will be very grateful to you, if you could do that!

I also have the inscription on that small monument, and here it is:

"A PIERRE SAVORGNIAN DE BRAZZA, QUI DONNA
L'AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE A LA FRANCE."

"LA MEMOIRE EST INDEMNÉ DES ANG HUMAN."

It means: To Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza - who gave Equatorial Africa to France -

"This memory is without human blood."

That second inscription is the same than the one on his grave, near Alger

I noted that you enjoyed your visit to Egypt, I am sure I will go there one day, because when I was at school, I was very interested and impressed of the story from that country. I am going back to Europe next March or April, but I don't think, that I will visit Egypt on that moment, because it costs a lot of money, and I think also, that my baby is too young for such a trip, but even, if it will be in some years, I'll do it! And yet, if I had to decide between America or Egypt, I think my choice would go to America, because, that's my dream for long years ago.

I hope you will like the stamps, and if you want some more or anything else, as I told you, please don't forget to ask me.

Hoping you will receive all this in a good condition, we send you, my husband and myself our kind regards to you and yours!

Sincerely

Josephine Lepkumarky

Dekleernaeker, Mrs. J.

Filed: Belgian Congo Courtesy
Letters

October 31, 1955

Air Letter

Mrs. J. Dekleernaeker
B. P. 821
Leopoldville
Belgian Congo

Dear Mrs. Dekleernaeker:

I know you think I am terribly negligent. I have wanted to acknowledge your letter of June 30 all these months and just have gotten around to cleaning up a small part of the accumulation of correspondence on my desk since my return from the Belgian Congo. We really had wonderful service throughout and made most fortunate acquaintances, you among them.

I am sorry to hear that you are leaving AMI because you were a very wonderful guide and we learned a lot. There is no hurry about the inscription on the monument before the mission which we passed on the way back to the Brazzaville ferry. The information will be welcome whenever you may have the opportunity of getting over that way again. I still have not settled down to writing the narrative account of our trip but it should be done before spring.

Don't concern yourself too much about stamps. That is something for the future perhaps.

Is there anything that I can do for you here in America,-- because I am most appreciative of your offer to help me with "Things Africa."

As much as I enjoyed the Belgian Congo I was impressed with the ruins and monuments in Egypt. If you ever travel abroad I would urge you to go that way if you have the time. It took us twenty days from Juba,--for the most part by steamer but part by rail.

My problem now is to read the books I want to about the blacks in Africa. They have a remarkable history and prove to be quite interesting people when you delve into their past and have the opportunity to observe their present.

When I get my narrative written and printed I shall certainly remember you with a copy. Forgive me for not saying more about the trip now. It was successful. We got lots of specimens, though not as many as I wanted, and quite a lot of film.

My kindest regards to you and your husband.

Sincerely,

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AGENCE MARITIME INTERNATIONALE S.A.

AGENCE DE LÉOPOLDVILLE

R. C. Léo 1949

B. P. 1869 LÉO I

Adr. Télég. AGENMARIN

Lio, 20/6/55.

Dear Sir,

Just a few words to let you know, that I don't forget to send you the stamps from French Equatorial Africa, and also the inscription on that little square monument from Brazzaville. Since we were there together, I didn't return there no more, as I told you, it was not my job, and a week after you left Lio, I returned to my old job. Any way, I leave the Agence maritime, at the end of next month, so I will have plenty of time, for going over to Brazza., take the information and stamps.

I hope that you had a nice time all your way through Africa, but I'm sure, any way, happy to find back your family and the States.

I'm really sorry that I couldn't send you sooner what I promised you, but I don't forget it.

R. C. Léo 1949
B. P. 1869 LÉO I
Adr. Télég. AGENMARIN

May I ask you to give my best souvenirs
to Mr. Selby and his son and Mr. Baker.

I leave, excuse my English,
I know it's not perfect, but I learned it
by myself.

I remain, Dear Sir, Always
at your service for anything you can need
from Africa!

Best wishes,

J. Dekkermaeker.

Deleyn, Guy

AIR MAIL

January 23, 1956

Mr. Guy Deleyn
Station de domestication de éléphant
Gangala-na-Bodio
Dt. de l'Uéle Territory de Dungu
Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Deleyn:

Was it your office or that of Clement Kennes in which we lived the few days that we spent in Gangala-na-Bodio? It was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, and I will remember it as long as I live. We got some very nice photographs of the elephants going down to the bay and coming back up the road and also a sound recording of the elephants' song that the black boys gave voice to on their return from the river. I am writing at this time to ask if you could perhaps supply me with the words of one or more of the verses that they sang. You could write in French. I can do something toward translating it, or else get the help of friends here who speak your language quite fluently. I regret that I cannot write you in your native tongue. I have been wanting to write you for some months past, but have been altogether too busy at the office to get around to the more pleasant things in life. You can rest assured that I would love to re-vist your training station and sit down again once more with you, Mr. Kennes, and Comte Cornet.

My best good wishes to all of you for a good New Year.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Dereine, Dr. Charles

AIR LETTER

July 9, 1956

Dr. Charles Dereine
Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique
en Afrique Centrale
Lwiro (Katana)
D. Sp., Bukavu, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Dereine: 74.248 - B.3/7
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I am sorry that the shipment of publications from the Smithsonian had so many duplicate numbers in place apparently of some that should have been sent you. I am bringing the matter to the attention of our Office of Publications which, I am sure, will promptly rectify the mistake.

If there is anything else from our institution that you would like to have, or any other series of publications not represented in the shipment to you, please let us know. A research institute as important as yours should have all of our publications.

My kindest regards to you, to Dr. van den Berghe, and our other mutual friends at the station.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

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Dereine, Dr. Charles

Mrs. Eileen M. McCarthy

July 9, 1956

Waldo L. Schmitt

Publications - Dr. Charles Dereine

The day after the 4th I received a letter from Charles Dereine, the librarian at the IRSAC at Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp., Bukavu, Belgian Congo. His institution is more than pleased with the very wonderful shipment of Smithsonian publications that you sent them. However, he remarks in the letter attached hereto that he received the annual reports for 1863, 1890, 1945, 1946 and 1954 in duplicate. These he is returning by the International Exchange Service, but, on the other hand, they failed to receive the annual reports for 1925 to 1935 inclusive. I do hope that some or all of these are still available and that you will be able to send them to him as you did the other shipment. I think it will be sufficient just to let them know that this shipment is on its way after it leaves your hands.

Dereine, Mr. Charles

Filed: Belgian Congo

November 15, 1955

Air Letter

Mr. Charles Dereine, Librarian
Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique
en Afrique Centrale
Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp., Bukavu, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Dereine:

Did you ever get the letter of inquiry from our Chief of Publications, Mrs. Eileen M. McCarthy, who wrote you on August 2? She called me a few days ago to say that she had received no instructions from you regarding the 600 pound shipment of books we wanted to make to Matadi for your Recherche Institut at Lwiro. Do write her something and then she will start the books on their way. We cannot just address them to Matadi, c/o IRSAC, without having some further word from you or from Dr. Van den Berghe. I think it would be well if you could send her a label or two to affix to the shipment so that authorities in the Belgian Congo will recognize it at once.

We are having some very beautiful and especially warm fall weather. The bright sunny days remind me of the several days I had at Lwiro. I wish I were there now.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

WLS:vb

Dereine, Mr. Chas.

Filed: Belgian Congo

VIA AIRMAIL

August 2, 1955

Mr. Charles Dereine
Librarian, Institut pour la
Recherche Scientifique
en Afrique Centrale
Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp. Bukavu
Congo Belge

Dear Mr. Dereine:

In compliance with the request of Dr. Waldo Schmitt, Head Curator, Department of Zoology, Smithsonian Institution, the Institut pour la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale, Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp. Bukavu, Congo Belge, has been added to our mailing list to receive all of the Smithsonian publications as they are issued.

We are sending to you without charge, through the International Exchanges, over 200 of our publications weighing approximately 600 pounds. The International Exchanges will pay the shipping charges to Mataldi. It will be necessary for you to make arrangements for the shipment from Mataldi to Lwiro and assume the shipping charges involved. When the shipment leaves here there will be sent to you via airmail an ocean bill of lading.

The sending of these books will be made immediately upon receipt of your reply.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Eileen M. McCarthy
Chief, Distribution Section
Editorial and Publications Division

cc: Dr. Schmitt ✓

July 25, 1955

Air Letter

Mr. Charles Dereine, Librarian
Institute pour la Recherche Scientifique
en Afrique Centrale
Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp., Bukavu, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Dereine:

I have taken up the matter of sending a full set of Smithsonian and National Museum publications with Mrs. Eileen McCarthy, who is in charge of the distribution of publications from this institution. She is getting together quite a large sending of as many back numbers as she can obtain and at the same time is putting you on our mailing list for all future publications issued by any branch of the Smithsonian Institution. This should make good your great lack of publications emanating from this institution. I am glad I had the opportunity of learning of your need for them and of seeing that very wonderful library building in which you plan to house the publications received. You folks have done wonders in building up so outstanding a research institution in the Belgian Congo.

I have also written Dr. van den Berghe along these lines and have raised the question about your mailing address. We have in our files this one for IRSAC at Bukavu. Is it under that address that you have received the few things that I saw on your shelves? If not, can you possibly ascertain where the other publications are going? They were but few in number and I think would only cover one or more of the zoological subjects. What you shall be getting henceforth covers all fields of science with which the Institution is concerned.

My best good wishes to you and yours and our mutual friends at Lwiro.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

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TRANSLATION

Institute pour la Recherche Scientifique en Afrique Centrale

Lwiro (Katana), le 20 juin 1955
D.Sp. Bukavu

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

Following the conversation that we had at the library of IRSAC, at Centre de Lwiro, last month, I take the liberty to send, as convenient, the list of publications of the Smithsonian Institution that we already have, in the hope that you will help us to complete it as far as possible. If IRSAC could become the depository of the collection for central Africa, that would constitute a documentation of the first order for our researches.

The annual reports of IRSAC are already ~~been~~ being sent from Brussels to different sections of the Institution. Will you let us know those that wish to receive the Folia Scientifica Africae Centralis?

Cordially yours,

Charles Dereine
Librarian

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EN AFRIQUE CENTRALE



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IN CENTRAAL AFRIKA

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*Direction
Congo belge*

Lwiro (Katana), le 20 juin 1955.
D.Sp.Bukavu.

Cher Monsieur Schmitt,

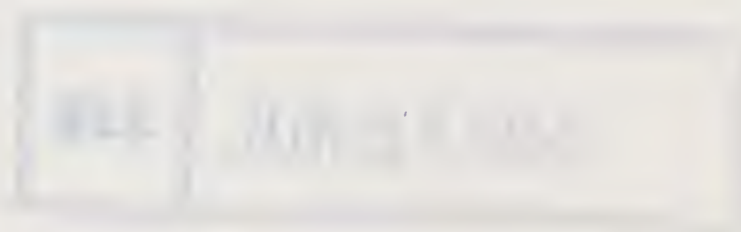
Suite à la conversation que nous avons eu à la bibliothèque de l'I.R.S.A.C., au Centre de Lwiro, le mois dernier, je me permets de vous faire parvenir, comme convenu, la liste des publications "SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION" que nous possédons déjà en espérant que vous voudrez bien nous aider à les compléter dans toute la mesure du possible. Si l'I.R.S.A.C. pourrait devenir dépositaire de la collection pour l'Afrique centrale, cela constituerait une documentation de tout premier ordre pour nos chercheurs.

Les Rapports Annuels de l'I.R.S.A.C., sont déjà envoyés par Bruxelles aux différentes sections de l'Institution. Veuillez nous faire savoir celles qui désireraient recevoir les *Folia Scientifica Africae Centralis*.

Très cordialement vôtre,

Charles DEREINE
Bibliothécaire.

Docteur Waldo L. SCHMITT
U.S. National Museum
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S.A.



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Dereine, Mr. Chas.

July 25, 1955

Air Letter

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Institute pour la Recherche Scientifique
en Afrique Centrale
Lwiro (Katana), D. Sp., Bukavu, Belgian Congo

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My best good wishes to you and yours and our mutual friends at Lwiro.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

October 5, 1955

Air Letter

Dr. H. de Saeger
Secrétaire du Comité de Direction
Institut des Parcs Nationaux du Congo Belge
Rue Montoyer, 21, Bruxelles, Belgium

Dear Dr. de Saeger:

Thank you for your good letter of September 9 and the addresses of the conservateurs of your National Parks who were so helpful to me and the members of our party. I could enjoy being there and with them at this very moment. The Congo is a very wonderful part of the world, and the National Parks the best part of it.

Although Dr. Baker also received a copy of that list of unidentified insects when we called on you in Brussels, I wanted our own division of insects to have a copy on file. Between our two organizations working together we shall probably be able to do more for you than otherwise. The more people who know of the groups needing attention the better.

Getting identifications these days is a slow matter, but sooner or later some specialist here will want to see more material in some group listed by you, and then we'll make headway.

I thank you again for the list and the addresses.

With kind regards to you and yoursstaff at Rue Montoyer,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

de Saeger, H.

Dr. J. F. Gates Clarke

Sept. 30, 1955

Waldo L. Schmitt

Attached lists of determinations needed by H. De Saeger of the National Parks of the Belgian Congo

You may have seen the accompanying lists. Dr. Baker brought one back with him from the Belgian Congo and I have secured a second copy so that you may have one on file in your division. As with everyone else, they would like to get unnamed material determined and, though we cannot undertake it to any great degree, there are often groups that may appeal to one or more of the local specialists when they base on studies that they have in progress.

Some of these groups are represented by very few specimens and so the task in those cases might not prove too difficult and yet worth the time for the interest that African material may have for us. I see nothing in your line and I don't suppose that makes you unhappy.

Dear Mr. Dorsz,

Paulis Apr. 28/55

Mr. McGregor kindly wrote you in our behalf April 15th regarding the possibility that we might have to call on you for help in connection with getting back to the States via air-pouch small lots of exposed film. It is mostly color film and for best results should be developed as promptly as possible.

If ~~you~~^I need to enlist your assistance, I shall try to write you in advance, but I may have to send that letter with the film. This I understand must be in 2 lb packages. So we shall pack it addressed to the Smithsonian Institution, perhaps 2 or 3 - 2 lbs packages in one large package ^{addressed} to you. These would not have to go in the same pouch successive ones would do as well.


I hope I may not have to trouble you, but if necessary I hope that you can help us out.

Sorry that we shall not be able to call on you in person,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Kind regards
Sincerely,
W. L. Schmitt

P.S. As Mr. Mc Gregor has write you
our next place for mail will be
% Dr. Louis van den Berghe, Director IRSAC,
Lwiro (Katana), D.S. Bukavu.

May 13 - 17th 

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January 26, 1955

Dr. Waldo S. Schmitt, Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington 25 DC

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

Your letter of the 20th was received by me with great appreciation.

Upon your return from the African expedition give me a ring at the above number, and I shall be delighted to give you a demonstration of the EE. I believe that within two hours I can teach you all the electronics that you desire. It is quite rapid.

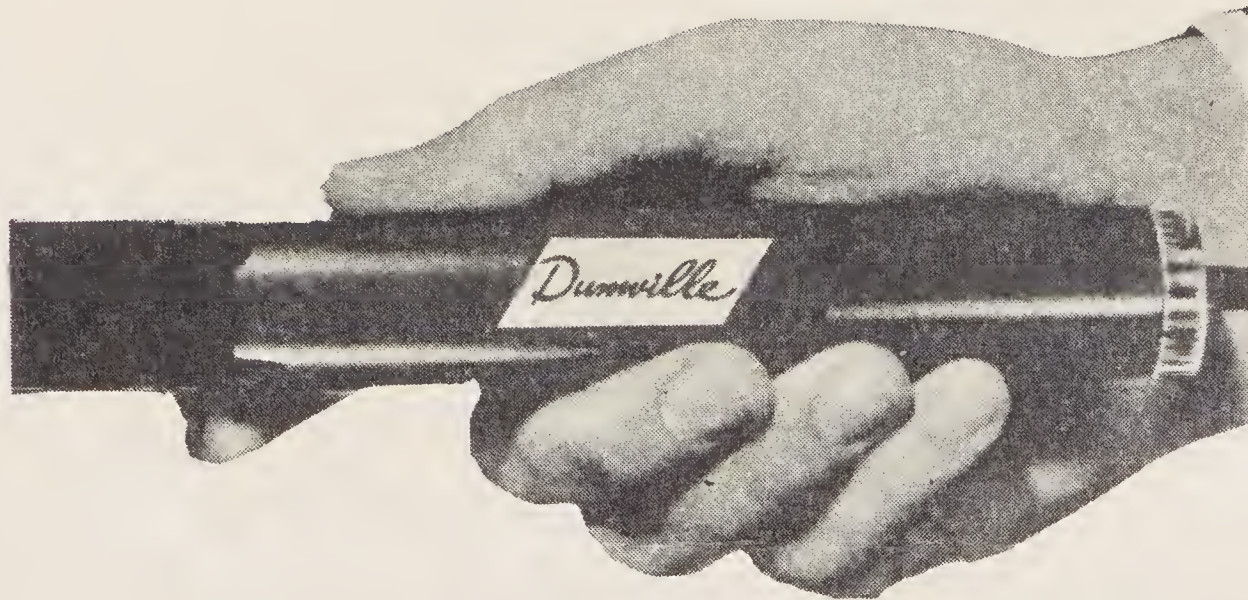
You may be interested in the attached list of users of the EE and story of another little device that we make, the Heinrich Actinoscope.

Best of everything on your trip. Drop me a card from Africa if you get a chance. Thanks for your nice words about Jack Evers. The whole family loves him and is quite proud of him.

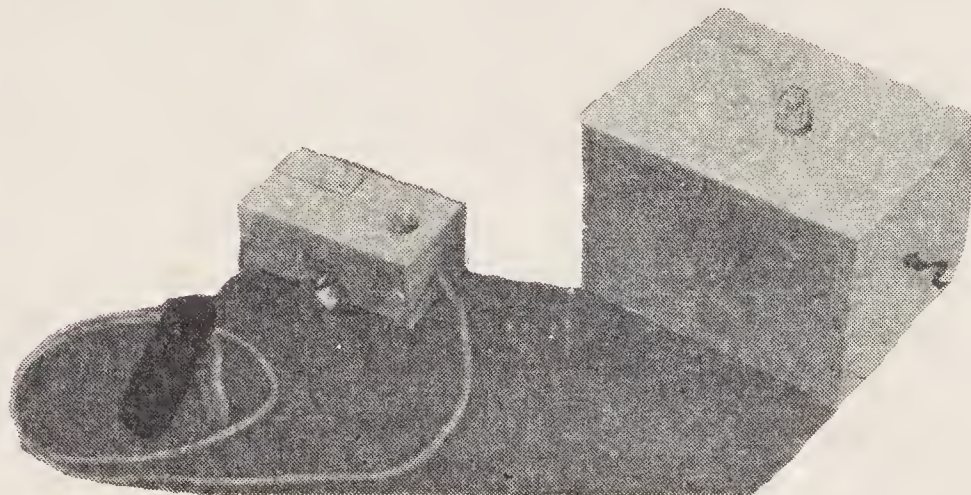
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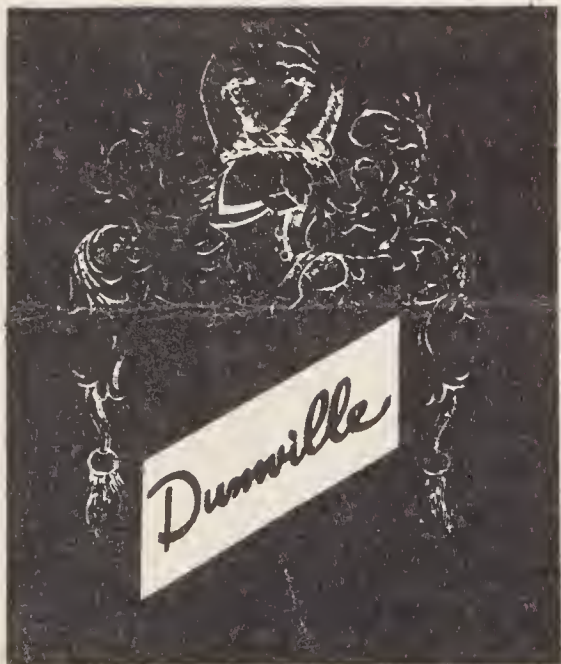
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WAND-TYPE HEINRICH ACTINOSCOPE

The Heinrich Actinoscope is not designed for quantitative work but as a demonstrator. This must be kept in mind in discussion with students. Experimentation has not shown it useful as a detector for mineral ore sources, though the company believes that further research and improved circuitry might make it at least valuable in this area for demonstration use. The actinoscope differs from all published works prior to its introduction in principle. Attempts to produce this type of indicator are reported as early as 1934. It is doubtless desirable to include in a general science or general physics course a demonstration of X-rays. Colleges may often obtain an X-ray machine literally for the asking from commercial suppliers. However, the effectiveness of the demonstration is sharply reduced by the difficulties encountered in proving the existence of invisible radiation.

The classical detector is the electroscope whose discharge serves as an indicator for the presence of ionizing radiation. However, in damp weather an electroscope discharges anyhow, and the embarrassed instructor has to give a sales talk concerning the increased speed of discharge. Outside of this difficulty the electroscope is, as a rule, a small instrument not readily visible in a large audience or class assembly. Projection of the electroscope deprives the demonstration of its directness. Applying the fluorescence of a suitable substance as a detector is not strikingly strong and requires too a certain time for visual accommodation, at least for the majority of observers. Photomultipliers can be used to increase the effect, but here again the directness of the demonstration suffers. The vast majority of American colleges shy away from expensive geiger type detectors which can be used only a few times per year. Also with geiger type devices an ever present effect has to be discounted which effect is at least to the novice not always convincing. Other devices require extensive secondary equipment such as ionization chambers, dosimeters, color changes, PH changes, resistance changes and photographic effects.

The actinoscope is a cheap, selfcontained, fairly rugged, and dramatic demonstration device. For its specific use, it does not necessarily have to be quantitative; in fact it could be considered an advantage if it were alternative, that is reacting to radiation above a certain level in one way, and to less or no radiation in an other way.

In operation the receiving end of the actinoscope is placed near an ordinary X-ray tube. The high voltage current is applied to the X-ray tube. The instructor immediately has a dramatic and highly interesting effect produced in full view of his whole class. It is very interesting to obtain an actinoscope and expose it to this type of radiation. The Dumville Manufacturing Company believes that there is a large field of development open for those who are interested in indicators for other electromagnetic oscillations. Shields can be found which are on the one hand selective enough and on the other hand compatible with the functioning of the actinoscope. The company solicits inquiry as well as sharing of any discoveries with those who experiment in its use.

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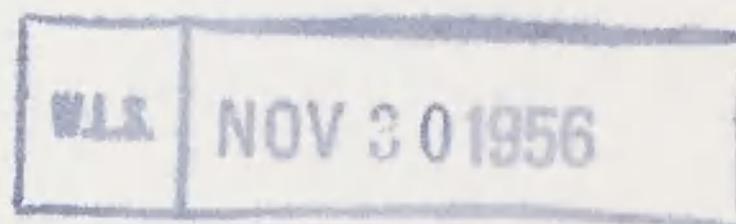
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NEWARK, DELAWARE

GRASSELLI CHEMICALS DEPARTMENT

November 20, 1956

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.



Dear Doctor Schmitt:

Thank you for your letter of November 9 in which you offered to collect soils in the Society Islands. We would be glad to receive and test any soils you might collect there if the Smithsonian Institution and all other interested parties waive all rights with respect to the samples and any useful products which may result from them. This is the same understanding we had with the African and the West Indies soils.

You are very kind with your good wishes. I hope I will be able to accept your invitation to visit you at the Institution before you leave for the South Seas.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. McGahen
Animal Medicine Section

JWMcG/nf

McGahen, J. W.

October 19, 1956

Mr. J. W. McGahen
Animal Medicine Section
E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Company
Stine Laboratory
Newark, Delaware

Dear Mr. McGahen:

On October 9, 1956 we shipped you the 38 soil samples which I had gathered in the West Indies, and I write at this time to ask you if, in the bottom of either one or both of the boxes, you found some 14 or 15 canvas sacks without the plastic covering. We took that number of bottom samples from our various anchorages, anywhere from a table-spoonful to a cupful of bottom material. These samples were collected for foraminifera. We have been unable to locate them among the other material brought back, and therefore, fear they were sent to you along with the soil samples through an inadvertence. Do check over what we send you and let me know whether we should look further afield for the "lost" bottom samples.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a self-addressed franked envelope which requires no postage.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Encl.
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McGahan, J. M.

October 5, 1956

Mr. J. W. McGahan
Animal Medicine Section
E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company
Stine Laboratory
Newark, Delaware

Dear Mr. McGahan:

With this is our official invoice covering the shipment of the 38 West Indian soil samples that I collected this spring in the course of an expedition sponsored by Mr. J. Bruce Bredin, the same gentleman who made possible the Smithsonian Expedition to the Congo which returned the samples that Mr. Wolf was working with. I have been in communication with Dr. Wheeler in the Department of Agriculture, who tells me that he has also dropped you a line about these samples which he has permitted me to send you direct.

I do hope that you may find something in these samples, and I am wondering if anything was turned up in those from the Congo. Mr. Bredin has asked me several times if I had heard from Mr. Wolf, but I know how long some of these studies take. In our work there are several cases where the report followed collections of the material by some twenty years. I wish you luck with what I have sent.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Encl.
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10/5/56

Wolf, Dale E.

August 8, 1956

Mr. Dale E. Wolf
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Grasselli Chemicals Dept.
Building 268, Experimental Station
Wilmington, Del.

Dear Mr. Wolf:

I have another lot of soil samples which I gathered on a recent trip sponsored by Mr. Bruce Bredin of Wilmington, which I hope you will be interested in examining. There are about as many as I got in Africa, and, as before, I shall attach no strings to them. I just hope something mineral or scientifically worthwhile will develop. If you are in a position to undertake them, I shall get clearance from the Department of Agriculture. There is one small reservation that I would like to make, and I hope can be arranged with you or in some fashion through Mr. Bredin, and that is a chemical analysis of the soil of about six samples taken on one particular island, but decision on this matter will hold in abeyance until the actual shipment of the samples.

Here's hoping you can help us out again.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schnitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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WILMINGTON 98, DELAWARE

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GRASSELLI CHEMICALS DEPARTMENT
EXPERIMENTAL STATION

January 9, 1956

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

The soil samples which you shipped have been received. We have examined them and they appear to be in excellent condition. We certainly thank you for your care in handling and shipping these soils.

As you have requested, we will autoclave samples 59, 75 and 78 and return them to you.

Your cooperation in supplying these soil samples is appreciated, and we hope that our examination of them indicates that they contain new and valuable materials.

Very truly yours,

Dale E. Wolf, Manager
Agricultural Chemicals Section

DEW:Q

Dr. Dale E. Wolf
E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.
Grasselli Chemicals Department
Building 266, Experiment Station
Wilmington 98, Delaware

Dear Dr. Wolf:

The 63 soil samples referred to in our previous correspondence, and by Dr. W. E. Wheeler in his letter of November 30 to you, are this day being forwarded through our official channels as noted on the enclosed invoice.

I have asked that this shipment be kept in a cool place during transit, not to be subjected to freezing or undue heat. As I was instructed by Dr. Barclay all samples are in muslin (light canvas) bags, in turn in plastic bags so there is no danger of spilling of contents. Hope that a worthwhile number came through in good shape.

Last but not least, I would like 3 samples returned, if practicable and convenient, viz. no. 59; no. 75 desired as weathered-down lava, volcanic soil; and no. 76. This last is perhaps of no interest to you as it is muddy sand lake bottom from depth of 13 meters. If you can return these three to me here at the Museum ^{when you are through with them} I would appreciate it. Do not incinerate. Sterilization should not spoil them for our purpose.

When the shipment has been received please date, sign, and return the white copy of the invoice in the addressed, franked envelope which requires no postage.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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28 Dec 55

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Grasselli Chemicals Department
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28 December 1955

Dr. Dale E. Wolf
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Grasselli Chemicals Department
Building 265, Experiment Station
Wilmington 98, Delaware

Walch L. Schmitt

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63 Soil samples from the Belgian Congo, Uganda, and the Sudan

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December 13, 1955

Mr. Dale E. Wolf
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Grasselli Chemicals Department
Building 268, Experiment Station
Wilmington 98, Delaware

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We have received your letter of December 7 in further reference to the soil samples collected in Africa by Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, Head Curator, Department of Zoology, U. S. National Museum, and which are in the possession of this office pending disposition.

In view of your assurance that the soils will be handled with all necessary precautions including the sterilization of all residues, equipment and solutions at the termination of your studies, we are releasing the soil samples for delivery to you at the Experiment Station.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Wheeler

W. H. Wheeler, Head
Nursery Stock Section

cc: Dr. W. L. Schmitt

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GRASSELLI CHEMICALS DEPARTMENT
EXPERIMENTAL STATION

Building 268

December 8, 1955

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

Thank you very much for your letter to which you attached the previous correspondence regarding the soil samples collected in the Belgian Congo. We have received a letter from Dr. W. H. Wheeler of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and have assured him that we will take the necessary precautions in handling the samples.

From the standpoint of damage to the samples, no special precautions are necessary in shipping them to us with the exception that care should be taken to see that they are not overheated. It is, of course, also very necessary that they are packed in such a way that none of the soil is spilled.

We appreciate your suggestions with regard to a name if we find something worthwhile in the soils and will certainly keep these in mind.

We look forward to receiving the samples.

Very truly yours,

Dale E. Wolf, Manager
Agricultural Chemicals Section

DEW:Q

December 1, 1955

Dr. Dale E. Wolf
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Grasselli Chemicals Department
Building 268, Experimental Station
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Wolf:

You folks have taken a considerable weight off my mind with the acceptance of the soil samples collected for the greater part in the Belgian Congo and a small part in the Sudan in the course of the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition this past April, May, and June (list enclosed).

In this mail, or within a day or two, you will hear from Dr. Willis H. Wheeler regarding the conditions set up by the U. S. Department of Agriculture under which the handling of raw, unfumigated samples of soil is permitted. As soon as Dr. Wheeler releases the samples to me I shall forward them to you. I shall endeavor to protect them against undue cold, and ask the express company not to leave them around in an unheated place. If there is any chance that freezing would harm the samples, please warn me. We can then await more moderate outdoor temperatures than obtain at present. Under any circumstances, I shall not be able to send the samples on until Dr. Wheeler gets your reply to his letter.

You will no doubt have heard something about these specimens from Mr. Bjornson. With this I am sending you the other pertinent correspondence regarding them. The samples are being sent with no strings of any kind attached.

I am hopeful that you may find something worthwhile in one or more of these soils. Should you be looking for a name for something new, Mr. Bredin, who made the expedition possible, his wife Octavia, or little daughter Antonia (most recent addition to the family), or, more remotely, James Smithsonian, who founded this Institution, might be considered. I do not want to do a lot of foolish anticipating, but I am holding a good thought!

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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WLS:LMc



E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & COMPANY
INCORPORATED
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

cc: Mr. Bruce Bredin
Wilmington, Del.

November 29, 1955

Mr. W. L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 25, 1955, in which you express a desire to have the du Pont Company test soil samples collected on your recent Belgian Congo Expedition.

The du Pont Company will be happy to accept and test these samples with the understanding that the Smithsonian Institution, and other interested parties, waive all rights with respect to the soil samples and any useful products which may result from them. Your letter indicates that such an arrangement would be a satisfactory basis on which to proceed.

Accordingly, it is requested that the samples, along with all future correspondence, be sent to Dr. Dale E. Wolf, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Grasselli Chemicals Department, Building 268, Experimental Station, Wilmington, Delaware. It would be appreciated if you would send a copy of previous correspondence on these samples to Dr. Wolf.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Bjornson
A. S. Bjornson
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

ASB:K

Willis H. Wheeler
161-5767

November 25, 1955

Mr. A. S. Bjornson
Development Department
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Bjornson:

Mr. Bruce Bredin has kindly forwarded me your letter of November 21, concerning the soil samples I gathered in Africa for biotic assay. For whatever worth they may have for man, medicine, the prestige of the Smithsonian Institution, and the expedition sponsored by Mr. Bredin, I would be very happy to have them examined "no strings attached." Without proper examination they are of no use to anyone.

Therefore, assuming from the tenor of your letter that you will accept them, for which I am duly grateful, I shall ask Dr. Willis H. Wheeler, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in whose custody the samples still are, to get in touch with you at his early convenience.

Bio-assays are expensive and time consuming and neither the Institution nor myself is in a position to undertake them. In the copies of the previous letters written about these samples--which copies Mr. Bredin passed on to you--I was not specifically asking for any financial return, though I did express the hope that the Institution and its Bredin Fund for exploration might merit some consideration in case worthwhile discoveries should develop. By the way, would these carbon copies, aside from the enclosed list of samples, be of any value to your files?

Please rest assured that no "strings" whatsoever are attached to the soil samples which you will receive in due course from Dr. Wheeler. My chief hope is that they may prove worth your time and interest and perhaps yield a new and useful antibiotic preparation.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Enclosed, list of soil samples

WLS:vb



E. I. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & CO
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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

11/29
Dr. Schmitt:
Please Note -
An extra copy of soil
sample list filed under
"George Mast"

Mr. Bruce Bredin
Box 87
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Bredin:

Your letter from W. L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian Institution, and attached correspondence
on soil samples from Belgian Congo Expedition, has
been referred to me.

The du Pont Company is equipped to screen
soil samples for antibiotic activity. However, our
practice is to accept soil samples without any strings
attached. We would be glad to test these Belgian
Congo samples on that basis. In case such arrangement
is not satisfactory, it is suggested that a contact be
made with a company such as Chas. Pfizer, who are very
active in testing of soil samples and might perhaps
have different policies with respect to prior commit-
ments.

Thank you very much for bringing this
matter to our attention.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Bjornson
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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Dep. Bill

September 22, 1955

Smithsonian Institution
Attn: Dr. Waldo Schmitt

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August 8, 1955

Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
U S National Museum
Washington, D C

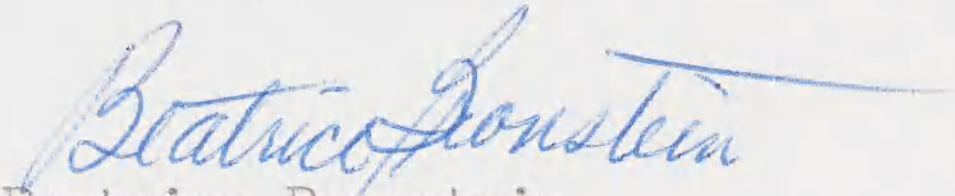
Dear Mr. Schmitt:

Thank you for advising us regarding your payment.

We find that your check \$1.00 was received on July 8. The statement was sent to you in error. Enclosed is your second check which we are returning to you. I am very sorry for the inconvenience we have caused.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Beatrice Bronstein
Office Manager

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Dear Dr. Friedman,

June 6/53

Sorry that I have not been able to keep you better informed about progress of trip and concomitant developments. The film business had me worried and still ~~will~~ to some extent till I can get back and check up in person. But this Lecroix person was to check film, report back here by cable is not all OK. + turn film over to Mus. and when this hasn't been done and with his specious replies to you in face of what Eastman told you, I quite naturally got concerned. As I have written Ginny also this day, the first shipment from Leopoldville had at least 6-100 ft. 16 mm color film rolls, and as much or more 35 mm miniature camera (Leica) color film too, but no black and white. Second shipment was as large or larger and must have included black and white. It left Stanleyville about 26th - 27th of April and should certainly have been in Ginny's hand by time of her May 25th letter rec'd today, because Sexton has as he tells me sent things direct to Eastman because it saves day or two that film lies around Museum, and that Eastman is so prompt with his film. The third shipment from Bukavu may have encountered some delay ~~but~~ It probably may not make Museum in the

for you to write me about it
was sort of heavy perhaps \$40
worth air freight, to come to
Museum without Lacroix inter-
vention. Carmichael wrote me
a nice note, says we'll take up
problem when party is back
OK by me, but I thank you
for checking up. If you hadn't
prob. all film would still be
in Lacroix hands. I want it
all listed, recorded, catalogued
or what have you at Museum
(or S.I.) before anyone gets hands
on it. It's hot here in Khartoum
105° in shade on hotel porch.
and cool 100° in my room where
I'm writing this. Hope you
are cooler, Best ever
J. Schmitt.

March 21, 1955

S. R. Gittens Company
1620 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Attention: Miss Chisholm:

Dear Miss Chisholm:

I cannot begin to thank you for your great kindness in sending me so promptly the two pounds of Silicone Putty, and at that very special price. I have been bereft of a secretary for the past two weeks and have had difficulty in attending to even the most urgent correspondence, but I am not unmindful of the great favor that you have done me.

As I explained, I want to take this Bouncing Putty to the Belgian Congo because of its novelty and the great effect that it will have on the native tribes whom we shall encounter. We are primarily going to study the invertebrate life of the area and not the big game animals that everyone else goes after, and for assistance in collecting we have to win the natives' good will. It is true that they are quite sophisticated these days and expect monetary payment, but nothing goes over so well as a novelty such as your Silicone Putty. Trade goods as such are out, and so I am awfully glad for the help that you are giving us in this connection.

You may have received an official order blank from the Institution, and I hope ere long the check covering the cost.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology


WLSchmitt:EEK

Date 3/8/55
Order No. P-323

2 lb. G.E. Co. Bouncing Putty
Special price 2.00 per lb.

S. R. Gittens 1620 Callowhill St.
Silicone Phila 30, Pa.

~~At~~ Miss Chisholm.



McGregor, Robt.

Mr. Graf, Acting Secretary

July 22, 1955

Waldo L. Schmitt

McGregor memorandum

In lieu of a separate memorandum for the Secretary, explaining my failure to call upon the director of customs in Usumbura, I attach a carbon of my letter to Mr. McGregor setting forth the circumstances of that unfortunate misadventure.

McGregor, Robt. G.

July 18, 1955

Air Mail

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

I have carefully read that Foreign Service Despatch (Department's CA-6593, March 31, 1955) concerning the Smithsonian Bredin Expedition and appreciate your forthrightness and plain speaking. I would that I could make amends for all the trouble I gave you in connection with our recent expedition and its many problems of one kind or another. I say now as I have before and shall again that no one could have done more, and few would have attempted and accomplished as much, as you did in our behalf.

The failure to see Mr. Vanhee, as you advised me by wire to Lwiro, was just one of those things. You have no idea how I felt inside when we were lining things up at Gabiro, preparatory to crossing the border the next day, when it dawned on me that we did not have that transit paper. If it had been humanly possible to have gone back for it, it would have been done but it was two days back by auto and there was no plane to be had for love or money and the biweekly Nile steamer was leaving Juba on May 29. You did say that Mr. Vanhee knew about us and would be able to help us (I do not have your wire before me, it's packed with papers yet to arrive by surface mail from Cairo). From letters from the office, I had gathered that despite great efforts on the part of the State Department clearance of our outfit could not be obtained. After all our experiences with Customs, (and all connected with that service proved that they were as sympathetic and helpful within their means and regulations as could be) I did not expect to receive more than similar courtesy at Usumbura. Besides, everyone about us was talking Kakitumba where we would be crossing the border into Uganda. But that is not the reason I didn't go. It may have produced a psychological block but there were moments, after I realized too late that I'd missed seeing Mr. Vanhee, that I would have given my right hand to have made good the oversight. As I wrote you the visit Dr. Sexton and I paid Dr. Harroy put the Vanhee call entirely out of my mind. Dr. Baker and young Sexton, who were left behind in Bukavu to follow us to Uviro, switched signals and joined us again at Astrida.

Earlier in Bukavu we had checked our supplies and equipment, especially film, with your wire before us. Dr. Sexton, who handled that end of things for the expedition, totted up all the exposed and unexposed film at Mr. Thornton's request because he insisted that such an estimate was needed for the Customs man at the border so that he would have the necessary funds on hand to refund our deposit less the duties incurred. Though he took care of the film stocks and the use thereof and was also cognizant of your instructions and wire, I am not shirking the full responsibility for our failure to visit the Customs office in Usumbura.

The figures given Thornton were supposed to account for the film for which you assumed responsibility. The formalin-alcohol mixture in the tanks of specimens and the cheese cloth used in wrapping the specimens was accepted as representing the amount not left in the formalin bottles or in that bolt of cloth. Though we still had some unused formalin the tax was paid on all the declared formalin because it saved hunting through boxes for it. I believe the materials declared in both the Stanleyville and Leopoldville shipments were accounted for to the Customs man's satisfaction. We had with us the transit documents received in Leopoldville and Stanleyville except the one left with you covering the film brought in to Leopoldville. These, the Customs man kept to mail to Leopoldville though I wanted to send them to you direct.

Dr. Lambrecht, with whom I became acquainted during his sojourn in the States, told us at Lwiro that he would be in Kakitumba the day we passed through and though the Customs man there spoke English quite well, Lambrecht rendered great help as interpreter; otherwise we might not have come through with so little delay.

It so happened that I did not sit in at the Kakitumba discussions to any extent because it was the day after I was bitten "by the snake that got away" in Kagera Park. I had a shot of antivenin the same night in the index finger of my left hand, and it was still hurting like the dickens all the next day. At Kakitumba all I felt like doing and did was to walk up and down outside, surreptitiously wringing my hands and left finger. I think the antivenin which Dr. Sexton obtained from the superintendent of the Park caused me more pain and after effects than anything the snake did. The finger subsequently showed signs of infection, but that's long past except for a slight stiffness in the last joint. It is getting better by the day; the only evidence remaining of the event is that the nail is being pushed forward and off by a new one forming underneath.

As I wrote you in the letter mailed at Khartoum, I shall be glad to make good any charges, duties, or penalties that may be assessed against us or you. That statement I find Dr. Carmichael confirms in so many words in his letter of June 27 to the Secretary of State written before my return to the office. The whole business is worse than two snake bites, because

a bite would only cause me some inconvenience, but my failure to see Mr. Vanhee at Usumbura embarrassed, and made trouble for you and others, the last thing in the world that I wanted to happen. I'm still more than grateful to you for all you did for us.

I never did get all the shrimps and crabs I'd set my heart on, but I got a nice collection of mammals, a better one of fishes, in part from Lakes Edward, Albert, and Tanganyka and the lava samples in which our geological department was so interested. But Baker's success with the mites, as tiny as they are, more than offsets the lack of quantity in my collections.

It was, all said and done, a memorable expedition. Thank you again! My good wishes and the best of good luck to you and yours, the Robert Yosts, and others at the Consulate and the American Club.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

cc: Mr. Graf

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Mr. Graf

March 2, 1955

Waldo Schmitt

Request for services of Roy Sexton, Jr. as photographer for Smithsonian-Bredt
Expedition

Dear Mr. Graf:

The attached letter is self explanatory. We would like very much to have Roy L. Sexton, Jr. with us on the trip to assist with the filming of the expedition and specimens collected. His fare to Africa is being provided from other sources. We will hire him, so to speak, for expenses only in Africa, from Leopoldville to Cairo. This letter should make it possible for him to obtain the necessary leave from the army. Please help us out.

Sincerely yours,

Commanding General Leonard D. Heaton
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Heaton:

This Institution is sponsoring the Smithsonian-Bredin Belgian Congo Expedition for the purpose of studying the invertebrate life of that area, particularly mites, ticks, and fleas, their plant and animal hosts, terrestrial and fresh water Crustacea, mollusks and fish. Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, head curator of zoology in the United States National Museum will be in charge of the field work and will personally be concerned with the aquatic invertebrates. The ectoparasites will be looked after by Dr. Edward Baker, acarologist of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As we also wish to keep a photo-record of the expedition's operations and of the animals collected and studied in the field, we have urgent need of an experienced scientific photographer. Many of the animals and parasites in which we are especially interested are of small, often microscopic, size, and very difficult subjects to photograph in life and in their natural habitats.

Your Mr. Roy L. Sexton, Jr, chief of the photo-laboratory at the Army Medical Center, is known to us for his unusual competence in medical and micro-photography. For these reasons we write you in the hope that you and your Service may be able to cooperate with the Smithsonian to the extent of granting Mr. Sexton official leave of absence for the purpose of participating in the expedition as staff photographer. He would be expected to report in Leopoldville, where the expeditionary party will assemble, on April 11 and should be able to return to Washington via Cairo, Egypt by June 22. His expenses, travel and subsistence, for the duration of his stay in Africa, would be borne by this Institution, which would also supply all necessary photographic supplies.

The lower forms of animal life of the Belgian Congo are but poorly, if at all, represented in the study collections of the United States National Museum. We expect to materially enhance the scientific worth and importance of the National Collections with the "fruits" of this expedition. You are well aware of the fact that many of these invertebrates are also of great economic importance from both a medical and agricultural point of view.

Both our organizations should have much to gain in learning more about the forms of animal life to be investigated, and their distribution in the Belgian Congo. We therefore sincerely hope that Mr. Sexton may be made available to us for the duration of this expedition.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Graf
Acting Secretary

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AIR MAIL

March 21, 1955

Mr. Malcolm Green
24 Ellesmere Rd.
Manchester 21, England

Dear Malcolm:

I have been negligent when it comes to keeping you posted as to my movements and whereabouts. I had hoped to see you last summer when I was in France, but did not get the chance then, nor have I had the opportunity since of writing you. It so happens that a trip to the Belgian Congo has intervened and taken practically all my spare time, both day and night. In connection with this expedition, I shall be passing through London and Brussels, and on my way to London, I want to stop in Manchester for the better part of a day. I believe the plane departs from Manchester about seven o'clock for London, and we arrive some time in the morning. The final time has not yet been furnished me, but I shall be arriving at the Airport in the early forenoon of March 28. All I may need from you is some directions as to how to reach you at home or at your place of business. I do want to see you for at least a few moments and meet the family. Don't put yourself out under any circumstances. If it would be convenient, I would like to have lunch with you downtown, for all I know you may live miles out, but here's hoping that we can have at least a few moments together.

I have never forgotten your many kindnesses to me in Brazil in those early days. You did give me the lowdown on the country and the people which stood me in good stead not only on that occasion but on subsequent trips to South America.

Best ever to you and yours,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Haberle, M. L.

~~Filed: Bel. Con. Details~~

November 8, 1955

Mr. M. L. Haberle
Belgian Line Incorporated
63 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

Dear Mr. Haberle:

Your two previous letters to me, regarding charges against me or the expedition which I headed to the Belgian Congo, were turned over to the local International Travel Office of the A.A.A., 1712 G Street, N. W. Mr. James H. Cowan is the manager of our Washington branch. I have no doubt but what they are looking into the matter but I regret that you have had no acknowledgment from them covering the receipt of your correspondence.

I am sorry that the matter is so long delayed but I fear that it is quite an involved affair. Our automobile travel and lodgings in Africa were all handled by a Mr. Eric Thornton. Transportation throughout the trip was purchased through Sabena Air Lines in Washington. I do not know just where matters might be stalled but hope that an explanation will soon be forthcoming.

May I ask here a personal question? Your name stirs memories for it is that of a former American Consul in Chile who wrote a rather interesting article about Juan Fernandez, the Robinson Crusoe Island in the Pacific. I, too, visited the same place and had some correspondence with Mr. Haberle about copies of some of his photographs. Before he died I was not able to obtain them and I do not know what became of his effects. If you are his son or related to him you may know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

WLS:vb

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington 25, D. C., U. S. A.

AIR LETTER

February 21, 1956

Mr. Julien Haezaert
Conservateur-adjoint au Parc
National de la Kagera
Gabirol (par Kigali)
Ruanda, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Haezaert:

I have been wanting to write you for ever so long to express my keen appreciation of all that you and your wife did for me and my party when we called upon you toward the end of May last year. Our African experiences will be remembered as long as any of us live.

Such time as I could find I have devoted to putting together the moving pictures that we took, but, most regrettably, and it breaks my heart to think of it, a good half of all the film we exposed was badly fogged. Either it was due to the faulty loading of the camera, or else a defective camera. That pleasant lunch we had together we have no moving pictures of at all that are fit to show. It was a wonderful lunch, and I still enjoy the thought of it as well as that most hospitable evening we spent at your house before my unfortunate snake bite that evening. My finger is healed and well again, and the only trouble I had with it was the swelling that I think the anti-venin occasioned. I did get some infection from the razor blade I used to induce bleeding. As foolish and unscientific as the whole proceeding was, you know the snake got away. It is all long past, with, fortunately, no ill results.

With this I am sending you a small package which I hope will reach you without any difficulty or Customs' duties. There is something for each of the children and also a little silver rattle. Was there not a third little youngster under your roof tree?

My kindest regards to you and your wife. My love to the children.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

U. S. A.



**AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME**

**VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION**

Mr. Julien Haezaert
Conservateur-adjoint au Parc
National de la Kagera
GABIRO (par Kigali)
Ruanda - Congo Belge

MESSAGE MUST APPEAR ON INNER SIDE ONLY
NO TAPE OR STICKER MAY BE ATTACHED

IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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Harvey, William R.

AIR MAIL

September 13, 1956

Mr. William R. Harvey
Mission Méthodiste
Kapanga, sac privé.
Elisabethville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Harvey:

I have consulted with our Division of Mammals, and Dr. Henry W. Setzer, Acting Curator, tells me he can find very little in the way of information on the water buck which your slides picture. He suggests that you might find something of interest in: Roosevelt, T. and E. Heller. Life histories of African Game Animals, 2 volumes, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1914. I do not know where you can find a copy of this work, but it may be in the Library of the Research Department at Lwiro (Bukavu). In making the inquiry, you should address: Dr. P. L. Pirlot, I.R.S.A.C., Lwiro (Katana) D. S. Bukavu, Belgian Congo, who is in charge of the mammalogical work there. He probably knows more than has ever been published on this particular antelope.

The Institut des Parcs Nationaux du Congo Belge, Bruxelles, has published a report on "Animaux Protégés au Congo Belge," 1953, which pictures and gives some information about all of these protected animals together with laws enacted for their preservation and a map of the National Parks of the Congo. This too you may be able to secure either from the Institut in Bruxelles or through Dr. P. L. Pirlot. As long as you are interested in mammals, you perhaps should have a copy available in your Mission.

The matter of curing your skins I have referred to our Exhibits Department, and a note from it you will find enclosed with this letter.

Your slides are being returned herewith.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Heaton, Leonard D.
Filed: Belgian Congo Exped.

Commanding General Leonard D. Heaton
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Official Leave for Roy L. Sexton, Jr. requested by
U. S. Smithsonian Institution.

The Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition will have as its object the study of mites, ticks, fleas, etc. in the Belgian Congo. It is desired that Roy L. Sexton, Jr., Chief of the Photo Laboratory, Army Medical Center, be given leave of absence to accompany this expedition as Staff Photographer.

He would be expected to report to Leopoldville on April 11th, and should be well able to return to Washington via Cairo by June 20th.

His unusual ability in medical and micro photography renders this type of service to the expedition

Hendrickx, F. L.

AIR MAIL

February 17, 1956

Dr. F. L. Hendrickx
c/o M. P. Hendrickx
16 Chaussée de Turnhout
Deurne, Antwerp

Dear Dr. Hendrickx:

The kodachrome slide is at hand. I thank you kindly for taking it for me and sending it on so promptly. It is just what I need to complete our series of pictures/^{taken}of your establishment at Mulungu.

The best ever to you and yours. I wish you might return to the Congo from Brussels by way of the United States. See if you can't arrange it. It would be a great favor if you could.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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INSTITUT NATIONAL
POUR L'ETUDE AGRONOMIQUE
AU CONGO BELGE

STATION DE
MULUNGU - TSHIBINDA

N° 2/56.-

Hendrickx, F. L.

Mulungu, le 4 Janvier 1956.-

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Dr Waldo Schmitt

Head Curator

Department of Zoology

Smithsonian Institution

U.S. National Museum

WASHINGTON 25 D.C. U.S.A.
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Dear Dr Schmitt,

I have the pleasure to forward you the kodachrome slide of the concrete huts existing at Mulungu Experimental Station. They were build at the express request of the natives who did not want to live in house of the european model (because they had windows). We on our side were not willing to leave them in the native type of hut which decays to easy. So we made a compromise. The model was that of a native hut and the material bricks covered with cement. All this proves you how difficult it is to improve the native way of living.

We will try to grow more parana pine from seeds as it is too difficult and too expensive to have young trees sent here.

I am willing to send you duplicates of my personnal collection of grasses. You will reveive them by surface mail as soon as I will be back from Europe were I am going ^{to give} my cursus at Gembloux agricultural Institute. I will be away during the first half of 1956.

Yours sincerely

F.L. HENDRICKX,

F. L. Hendrickx
Director.-

P.S. The slide did not arrive before my leaving the Congo, so this letter is sent from Europe where my address is : 90 H. P. Hendrickx 16 chaussée de Turnhout DEURNE, ANTWERP.

Filed: Belgian Congo

November 17, 1955

Air Letter

Dr. F. L. Hendrickx
INEAC
Mulungu, Kivu, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Hendrickx:

It is certainly interesting to learn that you have Paraná-pines growing on your plantation. The information you have contributed I am passing on to Dr. Dayton at the Forest Service. The copy of the plant identification sent Dr. Baker is also appreciated. Please tell me why you are going to try to grow more Paraná-pines from seed? Would you not get quicker results if some freighter delivered you a few young trees or are they too difficult to transport in such fashion?

It is kind of you to have taken the kodachrome pictures I requested and I will be happy to have copies when they have been developed.

You may recall that I talked to you about African grasses for you had quite an herbarium. We are trying to build up our representation of world grasses here and indeed have two grass experts on our staff, Dr. Jason R. Swallen, Head Curator of Botany, and Dr. Ernest Sohns, Associate Curator. They asked me to tell you that if you have duplicate specimens to spare, either from your herbarium or from collecting that you may undertake, they would be very happy to receive them here on an exchange basis should you want some from us in the way of herbarium specimens in return. Whether named or not we would be happy to receive duplicates from you. Names would be given to undetermined material in due course. At the present writing they are not in a position to furnish immediate identifications but do not forget us with specimens.

I understand there is no difficulty in shipping dried plants or herbarium specimens destined for study into the country. They should be labeled as "Herbarium specimens, dried plants of no commercial value." Shipments of this sort are fumigated on entry and so are safe to send.

Thank you for all that you have done and have offered to do for us.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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INSTITUT NATIONAL
POUR L'ETUDE AGRONOMIQUE
AU CONGO BELGE

STATION DE
MULUNGU - TSHIBINDA

N° 3537/Etr.-1640/Dir.-

Mulungu, le 22 ~~septembre~~ ^{octobre} 1955.

Dear Dr Schmitt,

I wish to thank you for your letter and for the interesting informations on Parana pine (Araucaria angustifolia (Bert.) O.Kuntze). Now that I know its scientific name I can tell you that your feeling was entirely right when you told me it would grow at Mulungu. It actually does under the of Araucaria brasiliana A.Rich which is a synonym of A.angustifolia. I have only five plants of them which were planted out in 1930. Here are their measurements in case they would interest Dr Dayton. Unfortunately all of them are female trees, so that the strobiles they produce are not fertile. Now that I am sure there is no male plant I will intruduce more seeds, but it will last many years before I will have pollen.

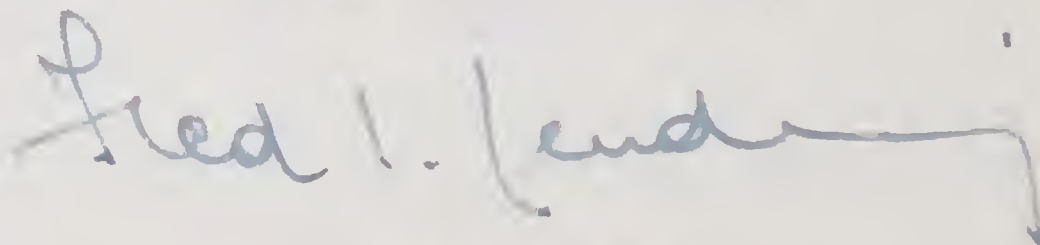
Enclosed you will find the list of determinations of the herbarium material Dr Baker left at Mulungu experimental Station. Some of the samples were real puzzles owing to the lack of flowers. Even the botanical Division of Ineac at Yangambi, to which I had sent the specimens I could not name myself, was unable to determine all of them.

I have taken a picture of the conical concrete hut build to the model of the native huts, but in permanent material. As soon as the Kodachrome slide will be developed I will send it to you.

With my best regards

Yours sincerely

F.L. HENDRICKX,



Director.-

Dr Waldo L. Schmitt
U.S. National Museum
WASHINGTON - 25 - D.C.

A R A U C A R I A B R A S I L I A N A

Mulungu

No	Circumference	Total
	at 1 m 50	height
1	1 m 87	17 m 00
2	1 m 59	15 m 00
3	1 m 25	13 m 00
4	1 m 45	13 m 50
5	1 m 39	14 m 00

DETERMINATION DE LA COLLECTION
(récoltée par le Dr Edw. BAKER - U.S. National Museum).

- N° 3 - ?
 7 - Acanthaceae
 9 - ?
 10 - Vitex sp. - Verbenaceae
 12 - Ficus polita Vahl. - Moraceae
 14 - Combretum sp. - Combretaceae
 15 - Vigna sp. - Papilionaceae
 15b - Ficus polita Vahl. - Moraceae
 16 - ?
 19 - Phyllanthus floribundus Muell. Arg. - Euphorbiaceae
 20 - Setaria cf. Chevalieri - Gramineae
 22 - ?
 23 - Ficus cf. mucoso Welw. ex Ficalho - Moraceae
 28 - Bridelia sp. - Euphorbiaceae
 29 - ?
 32 - Vitex congolensis De Wild. et TH. Dur. - Verbenaceae
 33 - Berlinia sp. - Caesalpiniaceae
 34 - ? Bixa - Bixaceae
 35 - Baphia cf. Solheidi De Wild. - Papilionaceae
 36 - Cassia ? Tora - Caesalpiniaceae
 39 - Bridelia sp. - Euphorbiaceae
 41 - Macaranga sp. - Euphorbiaceae
 45 - Manihot - Euphorbiaceae
 48 - ?
 49 - Aframomum sp. - Zingiberaceae
 50A - Buddleia sp. - Loganiaceae
 52 - Jatropha sp. - Euphorbiaceae
 53 - Hevea brasiliensis Muell - Arg. - Euphorbiaceae
 54 - Bridelia micrantha Baill. Id.
 56 - Celtis Durandii Engl. - Ulmaceae
 58 - ? Jatropha curcas L. - Euphorbiaceae
 60 - Vernonia sp. Composeae
 61 - ?
 63 - Ficus thonningii - Moraceae
 64 - Annona chrysophylla - Annonaceae
 70 - ? Jacobina
 73 - Bauhinia sp. Leguminoseae
 76 - Hoslundia opposita Vahe Labiateae
 80 - Tithonia speciosa - Composeae
 83 - Papilionaceae
 84 - ? Piper umbellatum (feuilles) + flowers of Cassia
 86 - Cassia spectabilis - Leguminoseae
 87 - Iresine - Amaranthaceae
 88 - Podocarpus usambarensis - Podocarpaceae
 89 - Vernonia sp. - Composeae
 90 - Grewia cf. similis - Tiliaceae
 91 - Hoslundia opposita - Labiateae
 92 - Grewia sp. - Tiliaceae
 93 - Pycnostachys - Labiateae
 96 - Cestrum sp. - Solaneae
 99 - Tephrosia vogelii - Leguminoseae
 102 - Indigofera arrecta - Leguminoseae
 103 - Maesa rufescens - Myrsinaceae
 With the only indication: Lake Edward May 7 55: Tribulus terrestris - Zygophyllaceae.
 Without number: ? Uapaca - Euphorbiaceae.-

Belgian Congo file
Hendrickx, F.L.

August 13, 1955

Air Mail

Dr. F. L. Hendrickx
INEAC
Malungu, Kivu, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Hendrickx:

I have not forgotten my very pleasant visit with you at your research station and have been casting around for information on the Paraná pine. Some I got from a good friend of mine in the Forest Service, Dr. William A. Dayton. He writes as follows: "Paraná-pine [Araucaria angustifolia (Bertoloni) O. Kuntze] which, of course, is not a pine, the most important softwood timber of Brazil, forms one of the natural vegetative types of that country, in the southeastern states of Paraná and adjoining Santa Catarina, lapping over into adjacent Paraguay and Argentina a bit. These two states seem to lie mainly between the Tropic of Capricorn and 28 degrees S. latitude, and 45 degrees and 54 degrees longitude W., and I assume the climate would be something like that of central and southern Florida. I have never been in Brazil but, putting together references in "Plants and Plant Science in Latin America", it would appear that the states of Paraná and Santa Catarina lie in a precipitation zone averaging 1000 to 2000 mm. (40 to 80 inches) annually, with January precipitation averaging 100 to 200 mm. (4 to 8 inches) and July precipitation averaging 25 to 100 mm. (1 to 4 inches), the precipitation tolerably evenly distributed through the year, but with summer (our winter) precipitation on much of the area about 33 to 50 % of the whole. The climate and soil are favorable to wheat-growing and much clearing is done for that crop. This area is also the home of maté, or Paraguay-tea (Ilex paraguensis St. Hil.) and of imbuya, or "Brazilian walnut" [Phoebe porosa (Nees & Mart.) Mez], one of the most important hardwood flooring, furniture and veneer woods of Brazil. Sorry I can't give you more 'dope' on this area, but you say you have been there yourself and I think you will find some of your Museum colleagues, such as Lyman Smith, have a first-hand familiarity with the Paraná-pine country. The Plant Buyers Guide lists Herbst Bros., Inc., 42 Warren St., New York City, as carrying seed of Paraná-pine. The FAO list lists the Servico Florestal, Ministerio de Agriculture, Rio de Janeiro, as its seed source.'

In addition he sent me two little pamphlets giving further information, largely dealing, however, with the use of this tree for timber. You perhaps will need more information regarding this tree but that you probably can get through your Government's representatives in Brazil.

I just had the feeling when visiting Malungu that it was a good place to grow the Paraná-pine. I hope that climatological data will bear me out because it is a magnificent tree and a wonderful source of timber.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
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Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Encs.

WLS:vb

August 1, 1955

Mr. William A. Dayton
Forest Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dayton:

I seldom get to see you but when I have troubles I always come running. During my recent visit to the Belgian Congo I had occasion to visit a very wonderful agricultural experimental station at Mulungu, some miles north of Bukavu, or Costermansville as it was long known, on Lake Kivu. They have been growing all kinds of plants and timber trees. The climate, the terrain, and the scenery reminded me so much of Brazil that I looked about for a specimen of the Parana pine and indeed the director, Mr. H. L. Hendrik, had never heard of that particular tree. I told him I would try to run down some information regarding it and that is why I appeal to you.

Can you give me some references or information dealing with the conditions under which it lives in Brazil? It is a rather wide spread tree, centered in the state of Parana where I first became acquainted with it. I firmly believe it would be thoroughly at home in the eastern Congo and do well there but of course Mr. Hendrix would like to know a little more about it. We checked Record and Hess but they say very little about actual local conditions. If someone else in the Service is the proper one to handle this inquiry won't you kindly pass it on to them?

Here's to seeing you at one or another of the meetings when the weather gets cooler. Always my best regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

AIR MAIL

24 February 1955

Kivu
Director de l'INBAC
Malungu, Belgian Congo

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Dear Dr. Hendrickx:

I believe you have heard from Dr. Jadin or Dr. Grandjean, or both, regarding our impending visit to the Belgian Congo, and that we hope there to collect especially mites, ticks, plant as well as animal parasites, and their hosts; as well as other terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, shells, shrimp, crabs, amphipods, isopods, and perhaps also a few fish. As we go along a Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton will keep a photographic record of our travels and other operations. Our party other than myself (interested in the crustacea) consists of Dr. Sexton mentioned above, his son as photographer's assistant, and Dr. Edward Baker, an acarologist, lent by our U. S. Department of Agriculture to this Smithsonian Institution expedition.

We expect to arrive in Bukavu about May 13th after having been first to Leopoldville, and Stanleyville. From the latter place we shall be travelling by auto through the north of the Congo and down through, and along the Albert Park and the Lakes to Bukavu. While here, we want to visit your station at Malungu--Ishibati Farm. We also want to see Dr. Chapin at his Farm. Is Luviro another place we should also visit?

Official permission to make collections of the animals and plants in which we are interested will be requested by the Smithsonian Institution of the Belgian Government. I shall write you again as our plans mature, especially regarding our arrival date in Bukavu.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Note: Similar letters should be written to:

Dr. J. Jadin
Médecine-Directeur
du Laboratoire Medical
Bukavu, Congo-Belge

FEB 7 9 1955

Dr. Maurice Lecomte
Director, INEAC
Yangambi, Belgian Congo

Dr. Louis van den Berg
Director, IRSAC
Uvira, Belgian Congo

Lecomte, Dr. Maurice
Belgian Congo

D R A F T

Dr. F. L. Hendrickx
Director de l'INEAC
Malungu, Belgian Congo

none to Hendrickx

My dear Dr. ~~Hendrickx~~:

Our Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt has written you briefly regarding his impending visit to the Belgian Congo with a small group representing this Institution on the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition. The expedition is primarily interested in collecting and studying the invertebrate life of the Congo, chiefly mites and ticks, their host plants and animals, Crustacea and other small forms of life. It is hoped that it may be possible for you to accommodate them in the guest house or houses at your station for two nights about April 23 and 24. Should there be any change in the expedition's plans, Dr. Schmitt will apprise you at the very earliest opportunity, and otherwise inform you of the progress of the party. The party, as at present constituted, consists of four people: Dr. Schmitt, Dr. Edward Baker, acarologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton, physician and photographer, and his son, Roy Lyman Sexton, Jr., as assistant photographer. They will be travelling in two automobiles, with chauffeurs and a guide provided by Mr. Eric Thornton-Dailly of Bukavu.

Any assistance or courtesies extended to the party would be much appreciated by this Institution.

Cordially yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary

Hendrickx, Mr.
Filed: Belgian Congo

AIR MAIL

24 February 1955

Kivu
Director de l'INEAC
Malungu, Belgian Congo

W.L.
Dear Dr. Hendrickx:

I believe you have heard from Dr. Jadin or Dr. Grandjean, or both, regarding our impending visit to the Belgian Congo, and that we hope there to collect especially mites, ticks, plant as well as animal parasites, and their hosts; as well as other terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, shells, shrimp, crabs, amphipods, isopods, and perhaps also a few fish. As we go along a Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton will keep a photographic record of our travels and other operations. Our party other than myself (interested in the crustacea) consists of Dr. Sexton mentioned above, his son as photographer's assistant, and Dr. Edward Baker, an acarologist, lent by our U. S. Department of Agriculture to this Smithsonian Institution expedition.

We expect to arrive in Bukavu about May 13th after having been first to Leopoldville, and Stanleyville. From the latter place we shall be travelling by auto through the north of the Congo and down through, and along the Albert Park and the Lakes to Bukavu. While here, we want to visit your station at Malungu--Ishibati Farm. We also want to see Dr. Chapin at his Farm. Is Luviro another place we should also visit?

Official permission to make collections of the animals and plants in which we are interested will be requested by the Smithsonian Institution of the Belgian Government. I shall write you again as our plans mature, especially regarding our arrival date in Bukavu.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

November 15, 1955

Air Letter

Dr. Harry Hoogstraal
c/o American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Dr. Hoogstraal:

This is a rather belated acknowledgment of your letter of October 25. I thank you for the good words about the ablution pots. I feel very pleased with myself that they may yet serve as coffee carafes. There is nothing like knowing your country, irrespective of all the books you read.

I am glad you were able to dig up a good assistant for Setzer. On a trip such as that nothing is so wonderful as having capable help. I had a young Congo native with me on our recent expedition and with his efforts we got a good hundred mammals--mostly bats, which were perhaps easier to secure in the caves we visited.

I have always found guns a great nuisance and do not ever expect to collect a deposit I made on them in Uganda.

Your letter makes me wish that I were back in Egypt and somewhere in your vicinity. Isn't it odd that in some of the oldest countries there is still so much to be done?

You do not mention it but when are you coming this way? I thought it was to be this fall or winter. Give us some advance notice if you can.

Best ever to you and yours,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

File

UNITED STATES
NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT No. 3
c/o AMERICAN EMBASSY
CAIRO, EGYPT

25 October 1955

Dr. W. L. Schmidt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
U.S. National Museum
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

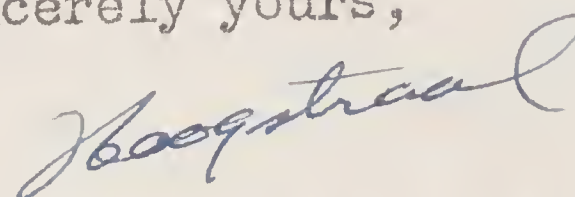
This is a very rapid reply to your letter of 20 October that has just arrived. The caption on the NG picture was overeditorialized. The pots are generally used as coffee carafes (and will lose their earthy taste if filled with fresh water over a couple of weeks period) generally, but in really arid places are also used as ~~ab~~lution jars, especially where away from a mosque at prayer time.

I trust your film will be successful and am looking forward to seeing you and your pictures sometime next year.

We enjoyed Setzer's short visit here. The health and sanitation people in Libya are giving him excellent help and we have sent a fine assistant to help him. He is disturbed because we could not forward his unlicensed guns through customs but the Captain is trying to get them to him. They should never have been brought here in the first place. Anyway, the important mammal work in this area is done by traps and spades and the Air Force and other people should be glad to loan him guns and ammunition till his own comes along, so he should not make out too badly.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Harry Hoogstraal, Head
Department of Medical Zoology

October 20, 1955

Air Letter

Dr. Harry Hoogstraal
c/o American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Dr. Hoogstraal:

No, I am not dead but I might as well be for the time that I can give to the things I want to do and to my friends. I am gradually lining up our movies for a final editing at the National Geographic Society, but without any promise that they will accept the result for ^{their} ~~our~~ lecture series when the editing is complete.

In the course of my browsing around for information concerning the Sudan I quite naturally have come upon your article in the February '53 Geographic. You did get some very wonderful pictures and among those accompanying your article is one of a wide-walk merchant with ablution jars (p. 261). You will laugh when I tell you that I saw them also in the market at ^mOkdurman and bought a dozen with the idea of using them as individual coffee carafes on the table. But, even with water the taste is a little bit too earthy. I write to ask more about these little jars. They make cloth rings to hold them upright. Are the two cups, more or less, contained in them all that the native uses for washing his hands and feet before going into the mosque? Is the water taken from the fountain in the center of the outer courtyard and is the little jar just a measure so that the native does not use too much or get too little? I know water is an exceedingly scarce article in most of the Nile country.

More than this information I would rather have an opportunity to sit down and talk with you. Was there not some indication that you would be back here this fall? If so, let me know when you can the time you expect to be here and how long. My best to you and your wife, whom I look forward to meeting one of these days.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

CONGO BELGE
PROVINCE DU KIVU
LABORATOIRE MEDICAL
B U K A V U

Belgian Congo Expedition

File Congo
Dec. 9/1955

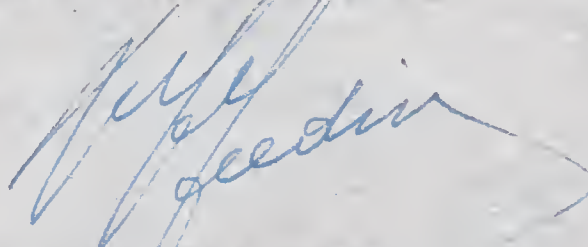
Bukavu, le 1er décembre 1955.

- Docteur Waldo L. Schmid.
Smithsonian Institution/
U.S. National Museum.
WASHINGTON 25. D.C.

Cher Docteur Waldo L. Schmid,

Je vous remercie vivement de votre attention pour m'avoir fait parvenir l'excellent ouvrage d'Edward W. Baker et de G.W. Wharton en souvenir du passage à Bukavu de la Smithsonian Bredin Expedition. Je suis particulièrement heureux du lien qu'a établi votre présence au Congo - Belge avec votre institution. Nous restons à votre entière disposition pour vous procurer le matériel que nous pourrions recueillir à votre intention.

Sincèrement vôtre.



Docteur J. JADIN
Médecin Directeur du
Laboratoire.

Jadin, J.
Filed: Belgian Congo

March 25, 1955

Dr. J. Jadin
Médecin-Directeur
Laboratoire Medical
B.P. 305
Bukavu, Congo Belge

Dear Dr. Jadin:

Just a word to acknowledge your kind letter of March 11. We are leaving Sunday for Brussels and from there, after a few visits to museums in Holland and Munich, will proceed to Leopoldville. We are due in Bukavu on Friday, May 13, and so we would like accommodations for four of us for that night through the 17th. I am prepared to pay you when I arrive, or else it will be taken care of by Mr. Thornton-Dailly, who has arranged virtually all of our trip. As we progress, I shall be writing you again so that you will be reassured as to the date of our arrival in Bukavu.

I am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting you and visiting your laboratory.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Docteur J. JADIN
Médecin-Directeur
LABORATOIRE MEDICAL
B.P. 305
B U K A V U.-

Congo-Belge.

B U K A V U, le 11 mars 1955

Monsieur le Docteur WALDO L. Schmitt.

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON , 25. D.C.

Cher Docteur Schmitt,

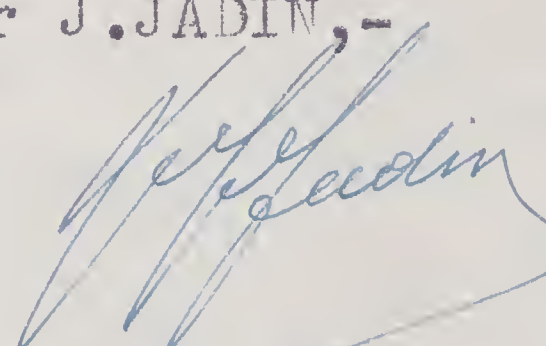
J'ai bien reçu vos lettres du 23 février et du 4 mars. Dans cette dernière, vous demandez de prendre des dispositions pour le logement pendant 5 jours dans un hôtel de Bukavu. Je transmets votre demande au RESIDENCE HOTEL pour 4 personnes du 13 au 17 mai.

Les appartements coûtent 350 francs par nuit, les chambres 300 francs. Veuillez me donner votre accord afin de retenir les logements de manière ferme.-

Vous pouvez être assuré de toute notre assistance et de celle du service de l'Hygiène pour les captures dans la région de BUKAVU.-

Bien Vôtres

Docteur J. JADIN.-



MEDECIN DIRECTEUR DU LABORATOIRE.-

AIR MAIL

February 23, 1955

Dr. J. Jadin
Médecine-Directeur
du Laboratoire Medical
Bukavu, Congo-Belge

Dear Dr. Jadin:

My apologies, I have been trying to find time to write you a more explicit letter regarding our visit to your interesting part of the world, but have been awaiting more information that I have sought elsewhere regarding our planned itinerary. It is not completely settled yet. So far we shall arrive in Leopoldville on about the 11th of April. We shall then fly to Stanleyville on the 17th and from there travel by auto north and eastward to the Garamba Park, Gangala-na-Bodio, southward through and along the Albert Park, arriving at Bukavu about May 13th. Here we wish to visit your station and meet your staff, and perhaps examine some of your invertebrate collections. I know that Dr. Edward Baker who has taken Dr. Wharton's place in our group is anxious to talk over mite problems with you folks. There will now be 4 in our party, aside from a guide furnished by Mr. Eric Thornton and the chauffeurs, therefore I hesitate to ask if we can be accommodated in the laboratory's guest house (paying the customary fees). You must have many requests for your rooms from visiting officials and investigators, and so may have no room for us.

After perhaps 5 days or rather nights in Bukavu, we wish to go for at least two or three nights at Uvira to visit the hydrobiological station there. I am therefore writing much the same letter to Dr. Marlier ^{and Dr. van den Berg,} the director there I believe. From Uvira, we shall proceed to Usumbara Astrida, Kagera Park eventually to Entebbe to fly to Juba to catch the steamer down the Nile, leaving May 29th for Cairo, and home.

Our Dr. Baker is more interested in the plant mites than those affecting animals, although we hope to collect both groups and specimens of the host plants as well as of the host animals, so far as it may be permitted us. I personally am interested in obtaining terrestrial and aquatic crustacea, shells, arthropods living in plant debris, and small fishes. Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton and his son will be our official photographers. They hope to keep a visual record of our travels and operations, to take pictures of the animals we collect, the places where they are found, and the means of catching them, as well as scenes of native life, villages and dances, and as does everyone else, photograph the characteristic large fauna of the National Parks.

Official requests for permission to do these various things will be made of the Belgian Government by the Smithsonian Institution under the auspices of which we shall be travelling.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to this Congo visit, the opportunity of sampling its small animal life, and visiting your laboratory.

I shall be writing you soon again to inform you of our progress. Although our itinerary will be much the same as the one sent you on January 24th. I shall send you a revised copy at the first opportunity.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:hg

Jadin, J.
Filed: Belgian Congo

January 24, 1955

Dr. J. Jadin
Médecin-Directeur
du Laboratoire Medical
Bukavu, Congo-Belge

Dear Dr. Jadin:

I am terribly behind in my correspondence relating to the Congo trip we plan to make this April and May.

Just today did I get the date of the Belgian African Line sailing from New York. It is March 26 and some thirty-eight days after landing in Matadi we should be arriving in Costermansville (Bukavu).

I have to leave town tonight for two weeks and plan to write you again more in detail when I return. I send you, herewith, a copy of our itinerary as our plans now stand.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Enc.

J.B. Jadin
Médical Directeur
du Laboratoire Médical
de BUKAVU
Congo-Belge.

Yamur le 6.XII.54.
n° de l'auge 95

Cher Docteur W.L. Schmitt

Monsieur Vercaemmen, le biologiste de mon laboratoire, m'a transmis votre lettre et celle du J.B. Wharton. Nous serons heureux de vous aider dans la mesure de nos moyens. Il faut cependant vous adresser à notre Gouvernement Général de qui nous dépendons entièrement.

La récolte que vous vous proposez n'est peut-être pas aussi aisée que vous le supposez et demande parfois beaucoup de temps.

Je serai de retour en fin janvier 54 à Bukavu et suis tout disposé à vous être utile.

J.B. Jadin

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington 25, D. C., U. S. A.

APR -5 1955

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
c/o American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Two letters have been received from the State Department today in answer to our letters informing them of your expedition and requesting diplomatic pouch service. I am quoting below excerpts from their replies for your information and guidance.

"The Department is glad to be informed of this Expedition and will be pleased to assist this project in every way possible, particularly by notifying the American Foreign Service posts concerned, requesting that appropriate courtesies and advice be extended to the members of this Expedition.

"In each case it is suggested that upon their arrival in the cities to be visited, the leader of the Expedition may wish to call upon the Officers in Charge at the respective American Foreign Service posts for any advice or consultation that he may deem necessary.....For the Secretary of State, /s/ Director, International Educational Exchange Service."

"The use of the diplomatic pouch facility by Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt is authorized for the transmission of official correspondence, official film, and acceptable related official material of the expedition which he is to head to the Belgian Congo.

"The approving officer for acceptable material and for the type of pouch transmission to be used will be the Pouch Control Officer of the Consulate General at Leopoldville.

"While approval is granted for official material, personal merchandise items may not be transmitted by this facility.

"The only Foreign Service post in the Congo with direct service to the Department is the Consulate General at Leopoldville. Dr. Schmitt should make his arrangements with that office for the dispatch of any items he wishes forwarded by pouch.

"No further authorization will be necessary as the Department will inform the Consulate General at Leopoldville of this exchange of correspondence. /s/ Howard M. Samsel, Chief, Diplomatic Pouch Section."

I am sure this will facilitate your mailing problems with film and other acceptable official material within State Department requirements.

I trust your trip is proceeding according to schedule and that you will be successful in carrying out your objectives.

Sincerely yours,

Remington Kellogg

Remington Kellogg
Director

Hi!
Lme.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C. 955

U. S. A.

AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME



VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
c/o American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

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WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL

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Kellogg, R.
Filed: Belgian Congo

Dr. Kellogg

Mar. 23, 1955

Waldo L. Schmitt

Crates for fiber cases.

I find that I have to transfer a considerable part of my equipment for the Belgian Congo Expedition to fiber cases to save weight, as we have to make several hops by air. Mr. Wilding tells me, however, that these should be lightly crated. This is an urgent request, because I am leaving town Saturday and would like to see the crating accomplished if possible before I leave. There will be four or possibly five light crates, approximately 2-1/2 ft. by 18 in. by 14 in. I have attached a requisition for this work, which I hope may be put through promptly. The cases will be ready by Thursday noon.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 22, 1955

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, Head Curator
Department of Zoology
United States National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

On or about March 26, 1955 you are authorized to proceed from Washington, D. C. to Belgian Congo, Africa, for the purpose of studying, collecting, and filming animal life of central Africa, particularly the invertebrate fauna with special emphasis on mites and Crustacea.

It is understood that the Smithsonian Institution will pay your salary but all other expenses incident to this detail will be taken care of from the Bruce Bredin Fund.

It is requested that you keep us informed as to your mail address so that we may contact you if necessary.

It is contemplated that this field work will terminate on or about June 30, 1955, when you will return to your official station at Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Remington Kellogg

Remington Kellogg
Director

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
Washington 25, D. C.
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIC (NOT GENERAL) TRAVEL AUTHORITY
(In triplicate)

Name Waldo L. Schmitt Title Head Curator of Zoology

Authority is requested to travel via ☐ common carrier; ☒ commercial air-
line; ☐ private automobile @ _____ per mile (see justification); ☐ Govern-
ment vehicle or plane; ☐ (Other, specify) _____ (see justifica-
tion); on official business from (official) station at Washington, D. C.
(residence)
on or about March 26, 1955 to: Belgian Congo, Africa

and to such other points as may be found necessary, and in the order found to
be most advantageous, revisiting any of said points as may be necessary; and
to return to the (temporary, official, residence) station not later than
June 30, 1955.

A per diem allowance of \$ none is requested.
The amount of \$ none is requested for procurement of supplies,
materials, or equipment.

This travel is for the purpose of: Studying, collecting and filming
animal life of central Africa, particularly the invertebrate fauna
with especial emphasis on the Acarina and Crustacea.

There will be no expense to the Smithsonian Institution except
my salary.

Bruce Bredin Fund

Estimated cost:

Transportation \$ none; Per Diem \$ none;

Other expenditures \$ none; TOTAL COST OF TRIP \$ none.

No. of transportation requestes desired none.

Appropriation chargeable: none

Approved by: Remington Kellogg

Travel Order No. _____

Date _____

The foregoing travel requested is authorized except as follows:

Stamm
Assistant Secretary

Kestner
Re Congo Film

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Kestner through Dr. Kellogg

DATE: June 24, 1955

FROM : Herbert Friedmann, Acting Head Curator of Zoology

SUBJECT: Request for prints from negatives of Belgian Congo Expedition

These are the photographs received from the Belgian Congo Expedition. Inasmuch as Dr. Schmitt will be back next week we would like to have the prints ready for him as soon as possible. Please keep negatives and prints together by the numbers of the individual envelopes.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

Washington 25, D. C., U. S. A.

AIR LETTER

February 21, 1956

Mr. Octaaf Kint
Conservateur-adjoint au Parc
National Albert
Station de Mutsora
BENI
Kivu, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. Kint:

It has been so long since I have been home from my visit to the Belgian Congo and to your home that I know you think I have forgotten you. I have been extremely busy with many things that await my attention here in Washington together with the time it has taken to fit together our motion pictures of our visits to the several National Parks. We got quite a bit of interesting film, but we also suffered a grievous loss of about half of it through fogging, the result of poor loading or a defective camera; it is hard to say.

I enjoyed that brief little visit we had with you, and have not forgotten that bonny youngster that I saw on that occasion. With this I am sending you a little remembrance, a silver rattle, which he should be just of an age to enjoy now. My grandchildren were each raised on a similar trinket. It helped them to exercise their hands and cut their teeth.

My very best good wishes and my heartfelt thanks for what you did for us when we were in the Congo. Best wishes to you and yours always.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

P.S. Can you give me the full name and official address of Mr. Snoek*, who was in charge of Fisheries at Ishango, Lake Edward?

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
U. S. A.



**AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME**

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INSTITUT DES
PARCS NATIONAUX
DU CONGO BELGE

PARC NATIONAL ALBERT

STATION DE MUTSORA

~~Beni Kivu~~

4777/ Aut. Vis.

MUTSORA, le 5.5.55

BENI (KIVU)

(no hyphen between) *see*

Monsieur le Conservateur,

Suite à notre entretien de ce jour, j'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer sous ce pli une lettre d'introduction chez Monsieur SNOECK, gérant de la COPILE, (Coopérative des Pêcheries Indigènes au Lac Edouard). Vos permis de visite et de prise de vue ont été remis au guide. Je lui ai donné des instructions qu'en cas de prise de vue intéressante, vous êtes autorisés de vous éloigner des pistes ouvertes à la circulation, ce suite aux indications de Monsieur le Président de l'Institut des Parcs Nationaux, Monsieur VAN STRAELEN.

Je répète mes excuses que ma besogne administrative m'empêche de vous accompagner, et je vous prie, Monsieur le Conservateur, d'agréer l'expression de ma considération très distinguée.

L'adjoint au Conservateur P.N.A.
pour les secteurs Nord.

C. J. Kint
C.J. KINT

Conservateur adjoint.

Monsieur Waldo SCHMITT
Conservateur en Chef du Département de
Zoologie de la Smithsonian Institution.

September 23, 1955

Air Letter

Mr. Emmanuel B. Kitwa
c/o I.R.S.A.C. Lwiro, Katana
Dépêche spéciale
Bukavu, Congo Belge

Cher Emmanuel:

Vous m'avez renau très heureux par votre lettre du 26 Juillet. Ca fait plaisir d'avoir des amis qui se souviennent de vous. Je n'ai pas oublié le bon service que vous m'avez rendu et les belles peaux de mammifères que vous avez préparées pour le Musée.

Je pensais que vous aviez oublié de me donner le petit carnet de notes dans lequel vous gardiez les mesures des spécimens, alors j'ai écrit à Monsieur le docteur van den Berg; mais vous en aviez bien pris soin, et le lendemain notre mammalogiste l'a trouvé emballé avec les peaux.

Comme vous le savez, j'aimerais vous avoir pour travailler avec nous au Musée, cependant un tel arrangement est très difficile en ce moment, car depuis la guerre, nous ne pouvons employer personne qui n'est pas un citoyen des Etats-Unis, et de plus, nos finances sont beaucoup plus limitées qu'à Lwiro. Ceci limite nos employés à très peu. Toutefois, soyez assuré que si je le pouvois, je ferais tout mon possible pour vous trouver une place ici.

Il va sans dire aussi que j'aimerais beaucoup retourner au Congo Belge. J'aime le pays, le climat, et les habitants. Je me souviendrai de vous pendant bien longtemps. Merci encore pour votre lettre et recevez tout mes vœux les meilleurs.

Sincèrement vôtre:

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Sincèrement vôtre:

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D R A F T

Mr. Emmanuel B. Kitwa
c/o I.R.S.A.C. Lwiro, Katana
Dépêche spéciale
Bukavu, Congo Belge

Dear Emmanuel:

You made me very happy with your letter of July 26. It is nice to be remembered. I have not forgotten the fine service that you rendered me and the beautiful mammal skins that you prepared for our Museum.

I thought that you had forgotten to give me the little note book you kept of the measurements of the specimens so I wrote Dr. van den Berg, but the very next day that our mammalogist found it packed with the skins. *You were very careful about it.*

As you know I would enjoy having you here to work for us in the Museum but such an arrangement at this time would be ~~very~~ difficult because, as a result of the second world war ~~we~~ cannot employ people in our Museum who are not citizens of the United States, and even so our funds are much more limited than they are at Lwiro Station. This ~~reminds~~ *very few* limits our staff to ~~few~~ people ~~that we could use~~. Please rest assured that if *for you here.* it were possible, I would endeavor to find you a place ~~with us~~. ~~I shall never forget you and if the time should ever come I will do what I can for you.~~ *It*

It goes without saying also that I would love to revisit the Belgian Congo. I like the country, the climate, and the people, *I shall long* ~~when I meet there.~~ *remember you.*

~~My best wishes~~ Thank you again for your letter. ~~My best good wishes~~ to you ~~and yours.~~

Sincerely,

WLS

KITWA. EMMANUEL. B.

C/O I.R.S.A.C. LWIRO-KATANA.

Dépêche spéciale.

BUKAVU.

Congo Belge.

LWIRO-KATANA. le 26-Juillet 1955

Monsieur le Docteur Woldel. SMITT

Monsieur le Docteur;

J'ai l'honneur de vous adresser la présente

lettre; dans laquelle je compte de vous prier pour me faire

arriver là à Washington; que je puisse travailler avec vous
au National Museum de Washington comme préparateur
des Mammifères;

J'avais été touché de plaisir que vous ayez
~~eu~~ envers moi à Stanleyville; dès votre arrivée de Fargambé
à Stanleyville vous ayez eu le plaisir de me voir là où j'avais
été logé et me souhaiter la bienvenue; en route; vous ayez eu
le même cœur inchangeable, quoique les mauvais conseils d'Oscar, le
chauffeur qui vous ont été donnés sur moi, ont été inutiles.

N.B. Pour me faire venir là; il faudrait peut-être
adresser une lettre au Directeur; si celui-ci signifierait son
accord, ça serait aussi vite fait.

Donne-moi merci et vous d'agréer cher Docteur;
l'assurance de ma considération parfaite.

À l'attente de votre bonne réponse.

ATTENTION: N'écrivez pas au Directeur que j'ai
demandé de venir chez Docteur.

Votre sollicitant

dévoué.

Spitua

Knipling, Dr. Ed. F.

Re. E.W.Baker

July 55

Dr. Edward F. Knipling
Chief, Entomology Research Branch
United States Department of Agriculture
Plant Industry Station
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear Dr. Knipling:

The field work of the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition to the Belgian Congo, in which the United States Department of Agriculture so generously permitted Dr. Edward W. Baker to participate, may now be considered to have come to an end, the several members of the party having returned to their official stations in Washington: Dr. Baker, June 24; Dr. Schmitt, June 28; Dr. Sexton, July 2.

I write you at this time to express my appreciation of Dr. Baker's services to the expedition. He rendered yeoman service in collecting plant mites and we are convinced that when all returns are in and the scientific results written up, Dr. Baker will have made substantial and highly original contributions to our knowledge of mites in general, and of the African plant mites in particular. We understand that he found a number of instances of a surprisingly wide distribution of certain known species, and also a host of species not heretofore described and therefore new to science. Several cases of severe infestation were noted, in one case on sugar cane. At several of the agricultural experiment stations special attention was given to crop plants.

Contacts established with other workers in the field, and arrangements made with scientific institutions in Europe and Africa regarding the collection, identification, loan, and exchange of material should prove profitable to the agencies and individuals concerned.

All in all, I wish again to thank you and the Department for making Dr. Baker's services available to the Smithsonian and the Bredin Expedition.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Graf
Acting Secretary

August 11, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Bayles:

Dear Mr. Bayles:

I appreciate your courtesy in notifying me that the Smithsonian film is ready.

Please hand the film to our messenger, who, incidentally, has the receipts for our two lots of film, in all: 49 rolls of 16 mm. and 43 rolls of 35 mm.

Thank you again for your services.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

August 5, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Bayles:

Dear Mr. Bayles:

I send you herewith the balance of the Smithsonian film, the main part having been sent to you on August 3. This lot consists of 9 rolls of 16 mm. movie film, also in transit for more than two months.

We shall send a messenger for this film when it has been developed.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

June 22, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Griffin

Dear Mr. Griffin:

You have been informed by Miss Beets on the telephone today of the film which I now send you for processing.

46 rolls of 16 mm. movie film:

Nos. 63 through 108

1 roll of 120-8 Kodak ektochrome:

No. 9

19 rolls of 35 mm. color film:

Nos. 50 through 65 and Nos. 67 through 69

This material is marked for return to this office. Please call us when we may come for the developed film.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedmann
Acting Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Film delivered by messenger.

VB

3rd
August 5, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

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We shall send a messenger for this film when it has been developed.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

3rd shipment
from Congo

Room 106 - Reconditioning Bldg Section
Medical Illustration
13th & Fern St. Entrance

August 3, 1955

Mr. Roy Lyman Sexton, Jr.
Walter Reed Hospital
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bud:

Your dad says you can do a better job on these films than Porter Brothers. There are:

- 6 4 x 5 film packs (No. 6 thru 10; No. 12)
- 6 rolls 120 plus x (No. 1 thru 5; No. 11)
- 8 " 120-8 Ektachrome (No. 1 thru 8)

We insist on paying for this job, so bill the developing to me and I will send you a check for it pronto.

Also, we'll make all prints here at the Museum so let us have the film back as soon as developed. I can send messenger for it whenever you call me.

Sincerely,

Frank

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

August 3, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Bayles

Dear Mr. Bayles:

I send you herewith the Smithsonian Institution film listed below:

40 rolls of 16 mm. movie film:

Nos. 23 through 62

43 rolls of 35 mm. color film:

Nos. 2 through 7; Nos. 12 and 13; Nos. 15 thru 49

Included in the above are the following numbers with clipped edges:
13, 17, 21, 24, 26, 28, 33, 38, 39, 42, 44, and 45.

We would appreciate your prompt attention to the developing of this film for it has been in transit from the Belgian Congo for more than two months. Mr. Griffin, who has been so much help to us in the past and who, I am told, is on vacation, has been expecting this shipment for some time.

The film is delivered to you by messenger and I request that you call me at Na.8-1810, Ext. 274, when it is ready so that our messenger may come for it.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

4 boxes

Film recd. USNM
from Congo

8/3/55

3rd ship.

(Received after
the 4th Congo shipment)

23-62

16 mm. movie

~~# 61 (or 11)~~

40

~~# 39~~

23
24
25
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28
29

30
1
2
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5
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50
1
2
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8
9

60
61
62

23 — 62

35 mm.

43

^(WLS)
#2, #3, 4, 5, 6, 7

#12, (#13 clipped)

#15 turn 49

Clipped

13
17

21

24

26

28

33

38

39

42

44

45

odd film

#14 Stereo

(Rochester, N.Y.)

Porter (20)

(6)

6 Film Pack

#6 — 10

#12

Plus X (Green Roll) Black & white ?

(6)

#1 — ^{#5}

#11

Ektachrome

(8)

#1 — ^{#8}

3rd shipment on May 21

to Ohio St. Lab. with
return address here.

Air Express

according
to Sexton, Jr.
records.

38 rolls 35 mm.

(12 — 49)

49 rolls 16 mm. movie

(#14 — 62)

Black + white

7 rolls + 5 packs

#

1 — 12

(Sent directly to La Croix
to take to Porter)

~~Recd.
after
Schmitt's return~~

August 3, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

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40 rolls of 16 mm. movie film:

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Included in the above are the following numbers with clipped edges:
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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

2nd shipment

June 3, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Griffin:

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Miss Beets has told me of your phone conversation this afternoon regarding the Smithsonian expedition film. She has informed me that you will notify us when the film, our second delivery to you, is developed so that we may send a messenger for it. I send you herewith the following color film for processing:

No. 365 (16 mm. cameras only)

Boxes: No. 2, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10,
No. 11, No. 12, No. 13.

Rolls in film sacks

No. 7, No. 8, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11.

*Nos. cut off
but same*

You will please note that all of the film is to be returned to the United States National Museum, marked for my attention. We will appreciate your calling us when the film is ready. Thank you again for your cooperation.

*no. boxes
returned*

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedmann
Acting Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Delivery by messenger

VB

*# 1, 40 given to Livingston
Recd. (developed) at
USNM by Friedmann
& Beets at 3:45 P.M. - 6/7/55
LB*

all for 1350 Olive St.,
Ret. Lacroix 9 7 St.

Recd. 4577 m - 1:30 - 6/3/55
(Belgian Congo film)

Sack #178

36.5 film
16 mm. cameras only - Kodachrome
3 3/4 x 3 3/4

→ #2

→ #7

→ #6

→ #8

Sack #177

→ #5

→ #9

→ #10

→ #12

Sack #176

→ #11

→ #13

Film sacks:

→ #7 clipped edges

→ #8 unclipped

→ #9 (clipped)

→ #10

→ #11 unclipped

1st shipment

April 29, 1955

Service Department
Kodak Processing Laboratory
1350 Okie Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Attn. Mr. Griffin

Dear Mr. Griffin:

According to our phone conversation this afternoon, I send you herewith the following color film for processing:

No. 365

Box 1, Box 3, and Box 4

Rolls in film sacks: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5,
and No. 6

The 35 mm. film, about which I spoke to you, is enclosed in the wrapper that is so thoroughly sealed with scotch tape. I have marked it for your attention since we are not positive that it is color film and yet do not wish to break the seals. If you need to contact me, my number is Na. 8-1810, Ext. 262.

We will probably be sending a considerable amount of film to you in the near future and most of it will be marked for return to Mr. Geo. La Croix, 2122 Massachusetts Ave.

Thank you very much for your courteous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia Beets
Secretary
Dept. of Zoology

Delivery
By messenger.

\$1.40 given to Wms.
VB

Rec'd. from Sexton
Office
June 13

Rec'd.
June 21, '55

from Sexton,
Jr.

Recd. D.C. April 28

1 Roll 35 mm. film

Mr. Griffin

Rolls in film racks (2" boxes)
about 1 1/2" diam.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

↑

La 6-4071

all to 1350 Obie
St. N.E.

yellowed
4-12-12
to Obie
~~4-12-12~~
~~4-12-12~~
4-12-12

~~4-12-12~~

Rec'd.
D.C. April 24

Box #1

Process Emulsion
Mar. 56 2635764

1 pkg - no. 365

From Geo. La Croix
2122 Mass. Ave. N.W.
Wash., D.C.

(1 sealing
tab broken)

16 mm. daylight
Kodachrome

Box # 3

Mar 56

263576 H

Same as above

Box # 4

Same as above

all to 1350 Olive St. N.E.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 7, 1955

Dr. Serge A. Korff
President, The Explorers Club
10 West 72nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Korff:

With this I return to you The Explorers Club Flag, No. 163, which the Club so kindly let me have for our recent African expedition. It served us well and was photographed in several historic places,--in the Temple of Khartoum, in the lava fields of the Belgian Congo, and at the equator crossing between the Congo and Uganda. We had quite a successful trip but, of course,--like all museum expeditions, did not get all the booty we had counted on. Perhaps our eyes were just a little too large for our "stomachs," as the saying goes. Nevertheless, we brought back a wealth of information and a host of pictures. The reason we have not made any great stir about them is that the National Geographic Society has them under advisement and is assisting us with the editing. Until everything is complete there we will hold everything in abeyance. As soon as I can I want to send you a little note for the Journal on one or another or all three of the places mentioned.

The most strenuous part of any expedition is the two or three month period following its return. I am still in the throes of organizing notes, cataloging, and fitting sections of pictures together.

Rather regrettably I return herewith two tickets, Nos. 1255 and 1256, for the current lecture series. I regret that I will be unable to make use of them. That is a wonderful program that you are putting on and I would like to attend the African and Egyptian evenings but it's just beyond me this winter.

My kindest regards to you, the board, and our mutual friends among the members.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Encs.

April 13/55

Dear Dr. Korff, The flag is here. Dr. Sexton and I thank you and the Board for getting it through to us in time. I'm sorry that under the circumstances, we had to crowd you so, but happily the air-mail was swift and sure.

Our first few days was given over to red tape, apparently a hang-over of the long past wars or perhaps the incipient wars elsewhere in the world, with their concomitant restrictions. To our sorrow we learned that under the law film brought in is subject to tax unless personally taken out by him who brings it in, and we wish to mail it out as taken for development! Your and now "our" Mr. Mac Segor hopes ~~that~~ ^{that} our scientific expedition may be granted dispensation. We have an appointment with the Governor General tomorrow.

The smallest things we are after, plant mites are being collected by Dr. Edward Baker who reports very satisfactory progress. Plant mites ~~are~~ among the least studied of all animal life, ~~but~~ may prove, in time, to be among the most important economically.

We fly to Stanleyville, Sunday to take to the which will take us as far as Entebbe some five weeks hence. On the way we have a date with Chapin ^{at his farm} on the "shores" of Lake Kivu (some kilometer away I believe).

The Mac Gregors as you know, are grand people. We appreciate having the flag. Again our best thanks to you and the Club. Sincerely Halldor Schmidt

MAR 1 1955

Dr. Maurice Lecomte
Director, INEAC
Yangambi, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Lecomte:

Our Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt has written you briefly regarding his impending visit to the Belgian Congo with a small group representing this Institution on the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition. The expedition is primarily interested in collecting and studying the invertebrate life of the Congo, chiefly mites and ticks, and their host plants and animals, as well as crustacea and other small forms of life. It is hoped that it may be possible for you to accommodate them in the guest house or houses at your station for two nights about April 23 and 24. Should there be any change in the expedition's plans, Dr. Schmitt will apprise you at the very earliest opportunity, and otherwise inform you of the progress of the party. The party, as at present constituted, consists of four people: Dr. Schmitt, Dr. Edward Baker, acarologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton, physician and photographer, and his son, Roy Lyman Sexton, Jr., as assistant photographer. They will be travelling in two automobiles, with chauffeurs and a guide provided by Mr. Eric Thornton-Dailly of Bukavu.

Any assistance or courtesies extended to the party would be much appreciated by this Institution.

Cordially yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary

AIR MAIL

24 February 1955

Dr. Maurice Lecomte
Director, INEAC
Yangambi, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Lecomte:

Roger Coustry here in Washington has told me of you, his good friend, and of his visit to your experiment station at Yangambi. I, too, would like to visit it, along with a party of three with whom I shall be touring the Congo this coming April and May. I mention the number of people in our party first because we would like to spend about two nights (one full day) at your station if possible.

In accordance with present plans we would leave Stanleyville for Yangambi on April 23 hoping to spend that night and the next one in the station's guest house, so that we would have at least one full day at the station.

We shall be travelling under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution and under the sponsorship of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bredin of Wilmington, Delaware who will accompany the expedition, and keep a written record of it. We are all primarily interested in the Congo invertebrate fauna, mites as they affect plants and animals, shrimps and crabs and other terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, shells, and fish as taken by the natives at the various river fisheries. The first named, the mites, will be the especial interest of Dr. Edward Baker of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the shrimps and crabs to me; while a Dr. Sexton and his son will keep a photographic record of our travels and collecting and the other interesting things that we shall see of animal and native folk life.

Do you think that the station will have place for us, paying the usual fees of course? We shall be travelling in 2 cars, 2 chauffers, a guide, and the 4 of us. I hope this is not too much to ask of you, but from all that Dr. Coustry has told us of the Congo and the places we should visit Yangambi stands high on the list.

Official permission for our travels and collecting in the Congo will be requested of the Belgian Government by the Smithsonian Institution. If everything goes as we hope, we may be able to see you this coming April 23. Nevertheless, I shall be writing you again before too long as our itinerary is more definitely settled. Dr. Coustry wishes to be remembered to you.

With kindest regards.

⊗ At last minute Mr. & Mrs Bredin had to postpone joining the expedition. They now hope to do so later. Thus the expedition will consist of four people including myself; 2 autos, chauffers and a guide furnished by Eric Thornton-Dailly

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:hg

Libby, McNeill & Libby

Food Products

455 Beach Street

SAN FRANCISCO 19, CALIF.

8/19/55

AIRMAIL

August 17, 1955

Mr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

Thank you very much for letting us know about the canned Libby Fruits which you found in Gangalana-Bodio in the Belgian Congo.

We are always pleased to hear that our products carry well under all kinds of conditions.

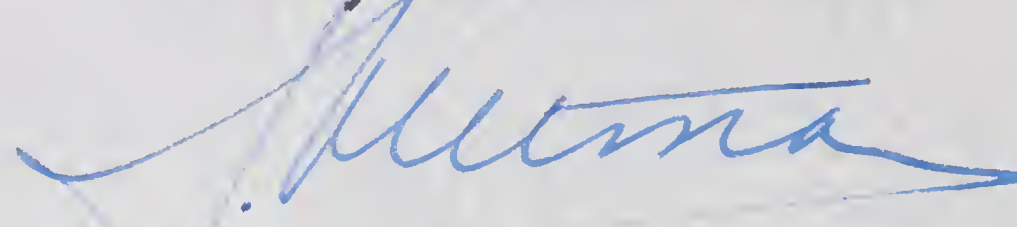
The tin top which you sent us is from a can of peaches which was packed at our cannery in Gridley in the Northern part of the Sacramento Valley in 1953.

The Belgium Congo has in the last few years been an excellent outlet for our products, and we were well aware that a good percentage of our merchandise travels many miles inland under quite hazardous conditions.

Many thanks for your interest.

Very truly yours,

LIBBY, McNEILL & LIBBY



J. T. Veltman

JTV:fm
Export Sales Dept.

August 13, 1955

Libby, McNeill & Libby
Western Office
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

This past April 29 I was up in the northeastern part of the Belgian Congo in a place called Gangalana-Bodio and for provisions had to turn to a local native cantina. On the shelves were a number of your canned goods, mostly canned fruits. The labels were somewhat the worse for wear but the contents of the cans were in excellent condition. The question I would like to have answered is: When were these particular fruits packed?

I enclose herewith the metal top of one of the tins. Whether it held plums or peaches I do not know because I got hold of the cans after the cook had thrown them out and retrieved this top and the enclosed label. Any information that you can give me regarding it would be keenly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Enc.
WLS:vb

Libby

P. S. The canned fruit, by the way, retailed for 28 to 32 francs per can (56 to 64 cents American a can). We had plums, pears, and peaches to eat, but which cost what, I did not specifically write down, and cannot now recall.

June 11th

Dear Miss McCain, I have your Luxor addressed letter dated June 5th. In it you say on Friday, the pouch shipment of film from Leopoldville came in. It must be the Stanleyville sending, and worse and more of it, McGregor must have sent it surface pouch instead of air pouch hence the great delay in reaching you (the Museum). It's hard to believe. How else could any airmail shipment that left this end, Leopoldville (our first shipment home ^{which} left there on or before or about 18th of April) take till June 3rd to reach you. Then too, the Stanleyville shipment must have left this end ^(en route at Leo) the week of April 25th to 30th if McGregor did his part. That shipment too by air would not take till June 3rd (Friday) either, unless it went surface mail. Anyway, what isn't explained ^{are} Leo's statements that he got no film, and that Roy told him to hold all film, and that the film he (or Strauss) saw was O.K. Things sound more mixed up than ever, and well

will send

just have to let everything ride till we all get back. Nevertheless the first Leopoldville shipment must have gone through because you mention State calling up about address to third party. That's the one Lecroix told the several stories about, I think I'm safe in saying. The Stanleyville shipment would also be a Leopoldville shipment in effect, because that's where McGregor is, and where pouch ~~sent~~ would emanate. In the first Leopoldville was no black and white as you know by now ~~that~~ I wrote Ginny and Friedmann. Now you have a second shipment (you say Leo — I take it to be Stanleyville via Leopoldville) — whether that has black and white I do not know; if not, there has been nothing for Porters and they are in the clear. The 3d or Bukavu shipment, if it takes as long as the one you write ~~you~~ about having received Friday June 3 (date).

Will write you again at Cairo. I'm so sure, June 5, 1955
anxious to hear about all these exotic places!

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Just a quick note to repeat more or less what
I wrote you yesterday, addressed to Khartoum.

On Friday the pouch shipment of film from
Leopoldville arrived. It was in 3 small canvas bags, all
sealed in a larger canvas bag. I signed for them &
opened them myself. They were several phgs. 4x4",
apparently colored movie film, & many little rolls
- Kodachrome stills? All were addressed to Okie St.,
with LaCroix as return address. I had Binny scrape
off & completely obliterate the LaCroix address & post
over it H.C.Z., U.S.N.M. She sent Livingston over to
Okie St. with them by taxi late Friday. Griffin, at
Okie St., will phone her when they are processed
& she will send for them again.

I shall tell her tomorrow to tell Griffin that the
Burkham shipment may go direct to Eastman. I'm
sure it has not arrived yet, because she has
been talking to him right along & he says he has
received nothing. We think he is honest about
it. He seems concerned that LaCroix denies getting
anything from Eastman, when he (Griffin) definitely
sent him film at two different times. Griffin has
put a second P.O. tracer on those shipments.

There is no record of black & white. Pastors keep
telling Binny nothing has come. However, since
the Leo. shipment has just come, I am hopeful
that the others will follow along & that we can
get our hands on them. Shipping apparently
is slower than we anticipated. That air freight
shipment shouldn't take too long, though, & I
shall be watching for it this week.

I bought 10 shares of Pepco in names of Mrs. S. & Barbara.
They cost \$195.00. Shoemaker has ordered Boston Symph.
tickets. Have not talked to Dehser, but am sure he has
taken care of Phila.

Dr. Carmichael wrote you something, addressed to
Khartoum, last week. I have not seen it, but under-
stand his attitude is to stand pat until you
get back. It does look as though things are going
to come out all right, however, & I'm sure he will
back you 100% in any controversy over the pictures.

I'm to have lunch with Mrs. Pearson tomorrow. She
says she has something she wants to show me.

Another weapon you have is the payment young S.
demanded for the time he had to take without pay.
I think you should be most deliberate about
making that arrangement.

Francis Elmore was here this past week at meeting
of Amer. Mus. Assoc. He came in to see me. Said Fred Z.
will not get here this summer as planned. Elmore
is at Tupelo, Miss. with Nat. Park Service. He's still as
fidgety as ever. Married, but no children.

Katherine Bryant called me up the other day. She was
(still is?) out at your house visiting Bry. I'm sorry to

FOLD SIDES OVER AND THEN FOLD BOTTOM UP
MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

say the same would say that + then un-
 likely, + I wanted to know much of a little bit
 happened of before she called. I suppose she is
 there alone with the young people with all day
 + the table keeps the company! She did too much
 that they have a place looking to move before
 you get back. I don't know how she was worried
 day week and a day. I played her during they talk
 in to see me too. (I'm glad all these people ask me
 out in my new position - it doesn't do me any
 harm!) They had a wonderful trip to Argentina
 from now. I see, but that was just to go back
 from - so now it's time to take our first step in
 our citizenship. After seeing what is happening in

SECOND FOLD

AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME

VIA AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Dr. Waldo Z. Schmidt
Hotel Luxor
Cairo

MESSAGE MUST APPEAR ON INNER SIDE ONLY
NO TAPE OR STICKER MAY BE ATTACHED
IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED, THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL






Dr. Waldo Z. Schmidt
Hotel Luxor
Cairo

Any, to be more than say that he will become
 all American. They look well happy + I think that
 have more in pace, please it, they will be with
 with people. You did a very good deed there,
 Ted says he going to the Palace after leaving
 June 21. I don't know though with the money
 + Kelley the "journalist" that he had told could be
 even at the other expense! This clearance can be
 I mentioned to you that there is to be an Antarctic survey
 the summer - known as "Operation Deep Freeze"!!!
 Norway, out at Wedge, is to go as much representative + to
 get after, for me, I want to see you at the hospital let the
 afternoon + also come home for dinner with me. So then you
 you + I must go to bed.

FIRST FOLD

Sat., June 4, 1955

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

This will scarcely have time to reach you at Khartoum, but I'll try it & mail it in a few minutes when I go down to the office (to try to catch up the things that pile up so that I cannot do them in office hours, no matter how hard I try).

Your letter of the 28th from Juba just came today. You should also have received at Juba a big fat letter from me with a copy of the Entebbe one & copies of some other stuff. However, I mailed it on a Sat. (2 wks ago) with only one 25¢ stamp, & on Monday it was back because of insufficient postage. I remailed it, with another stamp, but was afraid it might not reach you.

I am happy to be able to tell you some good news this time. Yesterday afternoon the 3 bags of film sent through the pouch from Leopoldville arrived. When Hewitt brought it up, Helina said, rather smugly, "Lucile, I'm going to let you sign for this, since you're taking care of Dr. Schmitt." Binny happened to be at my desk at the moment too. The 3 little bags were sealed in a larger one (lead seal that had to be cut loose). They contained several ^{little flat pkgs.} of apparently color movie film & many rolls of Kodachrome, I think. Binny made a list by kind & number. There was a lot of film, & probably it was all there. That is the first shipment we have had, but it gives me hope that the rest will be coming along. This film (every pkg. of it) was addressed to Okie St., with return to La Craix (his F St., business address, not home address as before). Binny scraped off the return address from each pkg. with a knife, obliterating it completely. Then she pasted over it your return add. at the office. I saw the pkgs. as she fixed them & they were OK. She called Griffin at Okie St. to have him expect them, & she sent Livingston over with them by taxi about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Nothing from Stanleyville has come yet and the air freight shipment from Bukavu has not yet arrived. Griffin, at Okie St., has not received anything direct, & we believe he is telling the truth. He is concerned about the 2 lots La Craix says he didn't get, and told Binny yesterday that he could hardly believe that two mailings in succession would go astray. He had the P.O. put a tracer on them about 2 wks. ago, & yesterday told the P.O. to put on a second tracer. I will tell Binny Monday to tell Griffin that the Bukavu shipment may come to him direct. Since I have not talked to Griffin myself at all, I think I had better stay out of it, & let Binny handle it. He hasn't had the "talk" she wanted, but I think she is doing better, & you may have very little trouble hereafter, if you keep her good & busy. More about that another time.

There still has been no black-and-white. I don't know whether the Porters are friends of Sexton & are holding out, but they insist (to Binny) that they have had nothing.

Mrs. Pearson told me yesterday she has something she wants to show me "before it goes further," so we are going to meet for lunch Monday. Don't know what it can be.

NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Leo: bags were addressed "S. I., Dr. W.L.S., Head Cinematographer, 73001" We saved all together.

Griffin will call Binny when films are ready & she will send messenger for them again.

Dr. Carmichael wrote you about last Tues. (the 31st) addressed to Khartoum. I knew about it because, in final desperation, Helene had to ask me for your address (having first tried Henry, who was off sick that day, & then Friedmann, who couldn't be found). Then later a girl in T. Clark's office called me to find out air mail postage to Khartoum - and there, by devious methods, I learned of it! A copy was said to have come over to C & R, but I have not seen it. Maybe that is what Mrs. P. wants to show me. I learned from Miss Gabriel that Dr. C. consulted A. W. about it (the latter considerably concerned, she said), but Dr. C. wrote you they felt they had better do nothing until you return. Now that the film is beginning to come through & we may be getting the upper hand, maybe it will all work out O.K.

Another piece of good news for you is that I bought the Pepco shares⁽¹⁰⁾ on June 1, in the names of Mrs. S. & Barbara, as the present stock is registered. Florence introduced me to

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LUCILE MCCAIN
2123 Eye St., N.W.
Washington 7, D.C.

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Lucile McCain

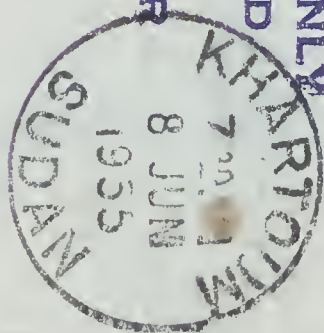
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SECOND FOLD

a friend of hers at Nat. Savings & Trust who helped me with it & it was easy as pie. I signed their names, by me "agent," paid over the \$195.00, & that was that. I do not have the stock yet, but will get it. I told them to notify me when it was ready & I'd pick it up. Thought that better than mailing to Takoma & forwarding to Mrs. S. The stock had gone up; the offer was at 19.50 per share, but it is now nearly 22 on the market, so we saved something! I had to pay 63¢ for enough extra rights to buy 5 shares for myself! That gives me 50 shares now, I took the money from my savings acct. to pay, so all you owe me is 195.00.

Shoemaker has ordered the Boston Symph. tickets for you, & I'm sure Ochsler has ordered the Phila., but I have not been able to catch him to ask him.

I'll write more to Luxor & Cairo. Do you go to Cannes from Cairo?
L. M. x

ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED
This film, we think, was probably your first sending from Leo.
Will you have a chance to recover all film from Lecraix before you get here? S.I. will

Stable action before that, though, I feel sure. Fri., May 20 6 a.m.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I didn't intend to write you just yet, but I can't sleep for thinking about your whole situation, and it just came to me that there is barely time to reach you at Entebbe anyway. It is too early in the morning for me to dare to type this & thus make a carbon, but when I get to the office (and I'll go early) I'll run off a couple of copies of this & send one to Juba, retaining one for my "file".

There is something most peculiar going on about the film, & you had better check more carefully at your end if you can. The only film Sinny has consists of two small pkgs. returned here from Eastman in N. Y. One is obviously Kodak slides, the box is about 2" x 4". The other is a flat yellow pkg, about 3 1/2 or so by 4." Those pkgs. came several weeks ago & we think they are the stuff you took in Brussels.

Sinny got one shipment through the pouch, consisting of 6 little bags & 3 flat pkgs (I think; I'm saying this from memory now). She sent them to Okie St. She has had a hard time reaching Lecraix, but did get him once or twice - he either said he had nothing or said he had orders from Sexton to hold what he has until Sexton gets back. Friedmann finally tried to get Lecraix, & got his partner, Strauss, instead, who said there was some film & it was OK but that Lecraix was handling it & he (Strauss) didn't know much about it. When Friedmann finally caught Lecraix the latter said he had only one "small test strip," with his instructions were to hold for Sexton, and that Strauss was mistaken in the film he was talking about that it was something quite different & had nothing to do with the case. (I told Friedmann, "He's lying.") Finally Friedmann called Okie St & talked to a Mr. Gibson there, who said that on May 3 he sent some film to Lecraix & on May 6 some more. He did not have his record in front of him, but what he said he sent seems to tally with that mentioned above. The Okie St. people have received no more. Further, they sent that film to 2122 Mass. Ave., which turns out to be Lecraix's home address. W.H.?? Lecraix admitted to having nothing, so there is obviously some kind of deal between him & Sexton.

I called the pouch office at State yesterday & told them to send all film to me, no matter how addressed. I told them it might be addressed to Eastman on Okie St., or Parter Studios in Falls Church, & might have either Lecraix or Strauss as return address. They said they would watch for it. They have no record of what has (or may have) already come in, or where it went. They said that if it was addressed to either let., they would have sent it there. Some weeks ago, Mr. Samuel, of the pouch office, called me, saying they had some film with Lecraix's return address, & questioning the propriety of it. At the time

I thought it was OK + explained to him. He said they didn't usually bring things in through pouch for a 3rd person, but with my explanation he would let it go.

Now, do you think Sexton is addressing the stuff directly to Porter or Oke St., with Decroix as return address, thus bypassing the Mus. entirely? Or, is he addressing it directly to Decroix + not even to the processing Lab? Bitson, at Eastman told Friedmann he has received only that one lot, which seems to be the one being forwarded. Binny has talked to Mrs. Porter more than once, who says they have never received anything. Nothing has come to the Mus. that appears to be black and white. Who are the Porters - are they cohorts of Sexton, too, and is their word to be relied on? Decroix obviously cannot be believed.

I had lunch with Mrs. Pearson yesterday. Your letter of the 11th from Kisenyi to Carmichael had come N. Ed, the 18th, as did yours to Binny, + mine was here at home that evening. Carmichael is out of town until

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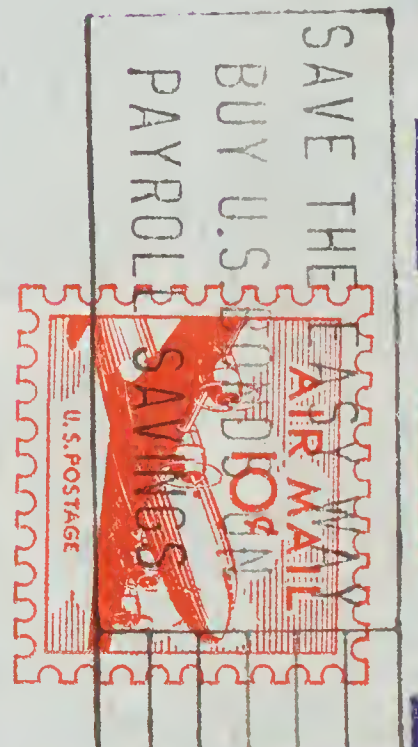
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Monday. When he gets back, she will take it up with him personally, + will urge him to have me over to talk about it. She thinks he will see me + will take action. It is the kind of thing he will be exercised about, she thinks.

I blame myself for not having taken a more active + intelligent interest in the matter. Not to try to exonerate myself, but only to explain - things for me have been just hell, worse than I've written you, + I've been afraid I'd do you more harm than good by mixing in. However on Wed, when Binny showed me your letter, I told her pretty sharply to get busy on that film matter. Then ^{after} I got my letters from you that night, I went in yesterday + blew my top to both her + Friedmann. You should see them scramble around now to try to please me! There is much more!

I had occasion to write your wife in connection with some mail I forwarded, so I asked her about the Papco stock. Last night I had a letter from her asking me to buy it, so I will. I'll write you more over the week-end. I'm so sorry about all this. L. me.

Dear Miss McCain, Please understand that writing Ginny is
no pleasure, but that what I write her is addressed to you
except where the application is directly to her. I really have
no time to write, looking after every body and every thing
and with the time spent on the film matter, and what I think
is its final frustration eats up not only time but energy.
It's happier and easier to be on someone else's expedition
than to try to run or at least attend to the running of one
yourself. Don't tell anybody but if I don't get more collected,
done that up till now, ^{the} ~~conscience~~ ^{conscience} what be many. First
of all the watch is a dandy and serving me wonderfully well
I always forget to mention it till after letter is sealed but not
this time! I was most happy to get these last two of yours,
2nd + 4th April. It's like old times to be put in the middle of things
whether troubles or not. But say you did handle things in
grand fashion. The more distant you can keep Ginny maybe
the more amenable she'll prove to be. But I am disgusted with
her/such a shallow little fool. Though she's taking delight in
Helena your knowledge of her statements about Helena still leave
you the whip hand. All her "dirty" talk about my harming you by
consulting you because of your superior ability to handle the Eng
language and other things, was or may yet continue to be an
attempt to drive a wedge bet. us. It was this phrase I couldn't
bring of the other day. And Kellogg. Send that memo to him.
Who's running the Dept. Zool; he is or is trying to, and I should
worry especially since Ginny sort of got a worse deal than
the one I tried to hand here unless she lied about her attitude
with regard to Helena. Re Kellogg when Taylor was last in
Europe (Germany) did he assign Mary Wallace something to
do well he's set a precedent and I'll see that he doesn't
forget it. Does he want copies of all my memos to state
+ true she was being directed to work [for you, for train-

ing purposes for my eventual benefit, but do interfere with Cochran assignment in any way it was so little was decided out of place and presumptuous. But that's the big slab and bully. Don't get me wrong that sounds bitter but really the whole business is to laugh as I believe you said also. And Kellogg's authority to assign to higher grade for 30 days. How childish. If he hadn't told me — told you I'd never known it. I thought in Museum at least his (Director's) powers were unlimited (except by Kedd, or whoever is above, as it was in the age of Wetmore). I have to laugh again. Wish I really had more time to enjoy the situation. What you write is the best medicine I can get on this rather busy "Safari" (ardon use of this ^{hot} tour of the Congo). You were more than kind to uphold Ginny on wanting more time (from time to time in the office), with her work that to death. You should of let her stew in her own "juice", but you are immediately so decent to let her be so imposed upon by Kellogg. But she should have had a good dose of hardship maybe she'd then have appreciated her H. C. job better. (Hurray no management improvement report, I'm almost willing to bet that Carmichael said that should never have been passed down to divisions in first place but at a Kellogg "I am the Director" sort of rules. The place till a man of some what broader managerial ^{ability} ~~experience~~ like Carmichael comes along. If so, another cheer for his at least. Those quote from Kellogg makes good reading, thank you for them, and your reactions before him here to. And Helena and Kellogg what a bunch of poor fish are on the Administrative side of our establishment, Grat is another one, Kedd is of a diff stripe of S.O.B. What I want know how Ginny's dictation works out — she better than I thought. At any rate if Helena is

EXCERPT

Bukavu, May 13, 1955

Dear Miss McCain:

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I hope that Dr. Carmichael will do something about ringing in the Geographic as consultants on our photo material. That's the only way we can check on Sexton's performance and use (or waste) of film, or his wanting to turn it to his own uses. He's gotten so that he thinks as long as he furnished the cameras and took the pictures that he owns them. We are going to have trouble unless we can have the Geographic on our side to evaluate material and help us (with suggestions and advice) on putting the movie milms together.

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Waldo L. Schmitt

EXCERPT

Kisenyi
May 12, 1955

Dear Miss McCain:

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Sexton has tried to make himself the great I Am. Is first out of the car, introduces himself and the rest of the party; lately, since I countered him on a few things, he's introduced me first as the leader of the party, if I happened to be near enough at hand. I don't mind much; I'm the only one with a visiting card, and in each case at Park or for special favor, Gangala, the letter to man in charge is specifically about me and courtesies I am to receive. The Belgians are no fools; after reading letter and hearing him, they surely appreciate who's who. Also, I don't hear everything, and he's gotten a little patronizing about setting me straight. It's a little hard to take, but I do it and thank him. It could be done in nicer fashion, but I do have to keep peace in the family. That is why I am not telling him off, and why I want to ring in the Geographic Society to put a spoke in his wheel.

Baker is doing good work on the mite collecting. He had a flu cold, the very worst case of loose bowels, and now, poor devil, a sty on his eye, which Sexton will open, or has already opened.

The real difficulty with Sexton will come when he finds out he's not going to run the film or pictures (that is, if Dr. Carmichael comes through as I hope). Sexton says Buddy can do the titles at Walter Reed; he (Sexton) can pay for a lot of the putting of film and sound together, and will, if he gets control of film. I'd rather have a less expensive, or polished job than to have him walk away with what, after all, will be the fruits of the expedition. I hope I'll get the needed support from the S.I. when Sexton begins to throw his weight around.

I had trouble getting him to consent to put S.I. on return address of Kodachrome film which goes to Eastman for developing. He wanted it all "examined" by his Falls Church friends. I think he'd like them to hold it until he gets back. I consented for the Leo. and Stanleyville lots because he said he wanted to check exposures and camera (lens and shutter) performance. It was a reasonable request, but since then there has been no point to it. Hope he's done as promised. I can't check every item. Buddy wraps up for transmittal to the Consul for diplomatic pouch. It would be too much of an insult to them, and would wreck things here and now.

If you can help Ginny keep an eye on the film, I wish you would. I am enclosing some notes, culled from my rather meager diary, on what I think I said to her in various letters. If the film doesn't seem to be coming through from Porter Studios, see if you can check with the pouch people if they have any record, and then keep a record of any conversations you or Ginny have with the Porter outfit.

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Apr. 7, 1955. Aboard plane from Brussels to Leopoldville.

1. Movie film mailed from Brussels, addressed to Schmitt. Re-address it to Eastman Processing Lab., New York. It is the Belgian Museum film showing initiation of expedition and its departure from Brussels, including a discussion over a Congo map at the Brussels Museum. Do not open when returned by Eastman. (Kodachrome pkg. on his table?-LMc.)

2. Still camera film mailed from Brussels today. Do not open. (Is that the flat pack on his table?--LMc)

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Apr. 11. Leopoldville

Exposed film in various containers will soon be coming. Kodachrome and Ektachrome to go to Eastman Processing Labs, and black-and-white to Porter Studios, 104 North Washington St., Falls Church, Va. Films may be addressed in part, within the pkg. as you receive it from State Dept. Keep record of number and kind, and to which address it was sent. The 4x5 flat pkgs. are black-and-white, or Ektachrome color film. When returned, it should not be opened, except the black-and-white, especially the 4x5. Have 4 prints made of each by Kestner.

Apr. 16. Leopoldville

Trouble with customs. May not get any or much film out. Sexton wants to send it to processor, then to his friend for checking correct exposure. Then it should go to the Museum.

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May 3. Bunia

Hope you have kept record of films sent out and to whom for developing. Early sendings were to go to Sexton's friend for checking, then to my office. The little rolls (smallest) are Kodachrome. They are in yellow bags with labels carrying addresses "to" and "from." The labels have corners clipped or bent over, or are stereo printed across label.

Then, slightly larger rolls--film packs of two kinds: black-and-white, and color.

Then movie film in square boxes about 4 or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " square and about 1" thick.

Careful listing of films necessary.

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May 12. Kisenyi

Should have received Leopoldville and Stanleyville pouch sendings and delivered color to Eastman on Okie St. and black-and-white to Porter Studios for developing. Film from Eastman went (?) to Falls Church, and should have been sent by Porter to S.I. after examination for Sexton's guidance. If none has come, call them and keep verbatim record of reply.

All film from Bukavu should have Museum return address before it goes to Eastman. Black-and-white goes to Porter, but get back Leopoldville and Stanleyville film before sending more.

November 19, 1956

Mr. Albert J. McCartney
Chairman, Program Committee
Cosmos Club
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCartney:

At long last, I am in a position to give you some definite information regarding the African film that I promised to put on for you on the 10th of December. I had hoped to see you at the birthday dinner, but Mr. Oehser, of whom I inquired, had not located you either.

I have filled out your questionnaire, and I am prepared to give you any other information that you might wish to have beyond the answers to that questionnaire and the accompanying draft for the announcement.

Thank you for the opportunity that you are giving me to show my pictures at the Club.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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Cosmos Club

October 19, 1956

Mr. Albert J. McCartney, Chairman
Program Committee
Cosmos Club
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCartney:

I promised to let you have some word this month about the African film that I shall be showing at the Club on the 10th of December, but I shall need another week or two grace. Perhaps by the end of the month I can give you the information required as set forth in the questionnaire which I received from you in July.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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AIR LETTER

May 7, 1956

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

I am really very happy to receive your letter of March 8. It is nice to know that I may have the opportunity of talking things over with you next spring. There is a lot to be said about the African expedition which I have not cared to commit to paper. In the main, it was most successful. The greatest difficulty was at the photographic end of things, but that I take it has been ironed out in some reasonable fashion. All in all, good and bad, we have better than 5,000 feet available for projection, but that, in the next month or two I hope, with the National Geographic Society's aid, to cut it down to about 3,000 feet, roughly an hour's showing. I am quite an amateur at film editing, but they have all the necessary know-how and experience. Our tape recordings need to be brought together on one reel to use with the particular episodes to which they relate. If I had known what I know now about moving pictures, I doubt I would have consented to have any taken on the trip.

With Mr. Bredin we have just completed a two months' cruise through the West Indies, having left Washington on March 1st, returning May 2nd. On that expedition we took kodachrome stills, four of us, and out of our several efforts we expect to have some nice views of our visits to most of the larger islands between Trinidad and St. Croix.

It will be a wonderful thing to see you and Mrs. McGregor and have a "get-together" with Bob and Mrs. Yost.

Kindest regards and the best of good wishes,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

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American Consulate General,
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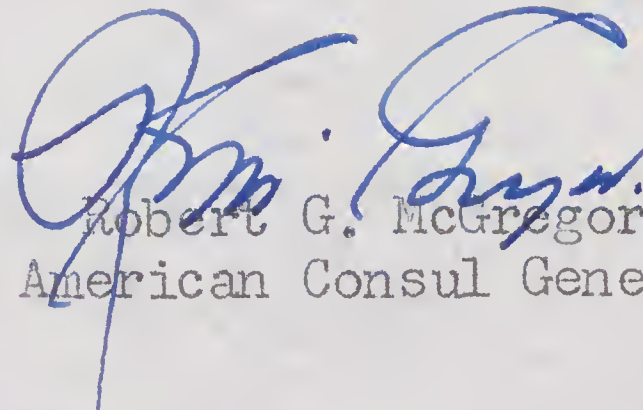
Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Head Curator,
Department of Zoology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Miss Tibbetts has shown me your letter to her of February 24, 1956, and I am glad to know that everything is finally working out and that on balance your Congo trip was a success. I hope some day I will be able to see the film you took.

Mary and I shall be home this time next year and will look forward with pleasure to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

McGregor, Robert G.

September 16, 1955

Air Mail

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

Here I am behind hand again. It is now three weeks since I purchased a draft from the American Express Company to defray that still outstanding indebtedness of \$6.15. Various items of the sort are cropping up and I do not know what else may yet be in the offing. There was a storage charge on the crate I sent home Cenwarren, which reached Washington with the shipment made from Entebbe.

As regards that troublesome film, I had assumed that Dr. Sexton acknowledged its safe receipt but heard from him some days ago that he had not. It has been developed now and seems to be in very good condition. But so far I have only glimpsed the ends of a few rolls. Sexton's all-fired rush to get this film home and processed seems to have been the root of all our troubles, and the difficulties we made for you and others in the Congo.

The matter of going over the film and editing the worthwhile parts of it awaits the convenience of the National Geographic Society, which has kindly consented to do that much for the Smithsonian as soon as they find time, about mid October. We hope they may find it worth showing at one of their Friday evening lectures.

As I may have remarked to you before, I did not get all the shrimps and crabs I had counted on, but, at that, we did not fare so badly. The shrimps and crabs brought back totaled something over 1,000, but they do not bulk as large as the figure sounds, many being quite small. Of fishes there are 550. The mammals have not yet been checked over but there must be 50 or 60 of them. The mites, which were Dr. Baker's primary concern, saved the day for us, scientifically and numerically. He tells me that they will yield from 5,000 to 10,000 microscopic slide mounts. Among them he expects to find a considerable number of undescribed species and a host of new records of the occurrence of plant-mites in Africa. The smallest things sometimes become the largest from point of view of economic importance.

The tingle in the tip of my snake bitten finger is still there but slowly, oh, so slowly, diminishing. It will take another year before it is gone, I fear. We have had our ups and downs with weather, but now mid-September seems to be ushering in one of the most delightful Falls ever.

Did your daughter ever get in that hunting trip?

Again my very best regards to you, and my heartfelt thanks for what you have done for us. Remember me kindly to the ladies and the Yosts.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Enc. Draft for \$6.15

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
July 25, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Head Curator,
Department of Zoology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

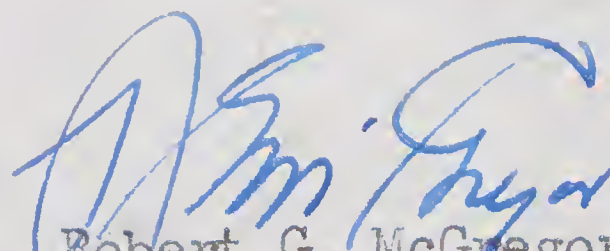
Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Thank you for your two long letters, both dated July 18, regarding the unfortunate consequences of your failure to check in with the Customs at Usumbura prior to leaving the Congo. None of us had any thought that you did so deliberately and were sure that there would be some reasonable explanation.

The Customs authorities are presently looking into the matter and we will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

I am glad to know of your safe return and that the results of your expedition were satisfactory. We all remember your party with great pleasure.

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

July 18, 1955

Air Mail

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

I have carefully read that Foreign Service Despatch (Department's CA-6593, March 31, 1955) concerning the Smithsonian Bredin Expedition and appreciate your forthrightness and plain speaking. I would that I could make amends for all the trouble I gave you in connection with our recent expedition and its many problems of one kind or another. I say now as I have before and shall again that no one could have done more, and few would have attempted and accomplished as much, as you did in our behalf.

The failure to see Mr. Vanhee, as you advised me by wire to Lwiro, was just one of those things. You have no idea how I felt inside when we were lining things up at Gabiro, preparatory to crossing the border the next day, when it dawned on me that we did not have that transit paper. If it had been humanly possible to have gone back for it, it would have been done but it was two days back by auto and there was no plane to be had for love or money and the biweekly Nile steamer was leaving Juba on May 29. You did say that Mr. Vanhee knew about us and would be able to help us (I do not have your wire before me, it's packed with papers yet to arrive by surface mail from Cairo). From letters from the office, I had gathered that despite great efforts on the part of the State Department clearance of our outfit could not be obtained. After all our experiences with Customs, (and all connected with that service proved that they were as sympathetic and helpful within their means and regulations as could be) I did not expect to receive more than similar courtesy at Usumbura. Besides, everyone about us was talking Kakitumba where we would be crossing the border into Uganda. But that is not the reason I didn't go. It may have produced a psychological block but there were moments, after I realized too late that I'd missed seeing Mr. Vanhee, that I would have given my right hand to have made good the oversight. As I wrote you the visit Dr. Sexton and I paid Dr. Harroy put the Vanhee call entirely out of my mind. Dr. Baker and young Sexton, who were left behind in Bukavu to follow us to Uviro, switched signals and joined us again at Astrida.

Earlier in Bukavu we had checked our supplies and equipment, especially film, with your wire before us. Dr. Sexton, who handled that end of things for the expedition, totted up all the exposed and unexposed film at Mr. Thornton's request because he insisted that such an estimate was needed for the Customs man at the border so that he would have the necessary funds on hand to refund our deposit less the duties incurred. Though he took care of the film stocks and the use thereof and was also cognizant of your instructions and wire, I am not shirking the full responsibility for our failure to visit the Customs office in Usumbura.

The figures given Thornton were supposed to account for the film for which you assumed responsibility. The formalin-alcohol mixture in the tanks of specimens and the cheese cloth used in wrapping the specimens was accepted as representing the amount not left in the formalin bottles or in that bolt of cloth. Though we still had some unused formalin the tax was paid on all the declared formalin because it saved hunting through boxes for it. I believe the materials declared in both the Stanleyville and Leopoldville shipments were accounted for to the Customs man's satisfaction. We had with us the transit documents received in Leopoldville and Stanleyville except the one left with you covering the film brought in to Leopoldville. These, the Customs man kept to mail to Leopoldville though I wanted to send them to you direct.

Dr. Lambrecht, with whom I became acquainted during his sojourn in the States, told us at Lwiro that he would be in Kakitumba the day we passed through and though the Customs man there spoke English quite well, Lambrecht rendered great help as interpreter; otherwise we might not have come through with so little delay.

It so happened that I did not sit in at the Kakitumba discussions to any extent because it was the day after I was bitten "by the snake that got away" in Kagera Park. I had a shot of antivenin the same night in the index finger of my left hand, and it was still hurting like the dickens all the next day. At Kakitumba all I felt like doing and did was to walk up and down outside, surreptitiously wringing my hands and left finger. I think the antivenin which Dr. Sexton obtained from the superintendent of the Park caused me more pain and after effects than anything the snake did. The finger subsequently showed signs of infection, but that's long past except for a slight stiffness in the last joint. It is getting better by the day; the only evidence remaining of the event is that the nail is being pushed forward and off by a new one forming underneath.

As I wrote you in the letter mailed at Khartoum, I shall be glad to make good any charges, duties, or penalties that may be assessed against us or you. That statement I find Dr. Carmichael confirms in so many words in his letter of June 27 to the Secretary of State written before my return to the office. The whole business is worse than two snake bites, because

a bite would only cause me some inconvenience, but my failure to see Mr. Vanhee at Usumbura embarrassed, and made trouble for you and others, the last thing in the world that I wanted to happen. I'm still more than grateful to you for all you did for us.

I never did get all the shrimps and crabs I'd set my heart on, but I got a nice collection of mammals, a better one of fishes, in part from Lakes Edward, Albert, and Tanganyka and the lava samples in which our geological department was so interested. But Baker's success with the mites, as tiny as they are, more than offsets the lack of quantity in my collections.

It was, all said and done, a memorable expedition. Thank you again! My good wishes and the best of good luck to you and yours, the Robert Yosts, and others at the Consulate and the American Club.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

CC: Mr. Graf

WLSchmitt:vb

July 18, 1955

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

Your letter of July 12 was received this afternoon, and I hasten to acknowledge it in the same envelope with the letter responding to your Foreign Service Despatch of July 14.

It is good news that you have the film that was left with Thornton at Bukavu. It was beginning to look as though it had been lost. Do you remember the lot we sent you for the pouch from Stanleyville the last week in April? It did not get to the Museum until June 5!

This Thornton film must have been, for the greater part at least, film brought in at Stanleyville. As Sexton handled the photographic end of things, his son keeping the film records, I shall consult him forthwith about it and report back to you in the next day or two.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology



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American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
July 12, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Smithsonian Institute,
Washington, D.C.

WLS
Recd
July 18

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Enclosed are the letters we sent you in care of the Chief of Customs in Usumbura and which have now been returned to us via the Director of Customs in Leopoldville. The letters were of course returned to us unopened. You may find them useful for your files and for the answers they furnish to certain of your questions.

The transit document mentioned as enclosed with our letter of May 10, 1955, was given to the Director of Customs at his request.

We have now received a large package from Thornton in Bukavu, containing seven smaller packages of exposed film left by the expedition with Thornton. We have checked informally and find that none of this film was included on the transit document covering the material you brought in at Leopoldville and presume therefore that you declared it to the Congo Customs at Stanleyville. The documents which you executed at Stanleyville were presumably presented by you when you left Ruanda-Urundi on May 26 and found to agree with a physical check of the material you took out with you at that time. This means that the films now being held by the Consulate General may have no legal basis for still being in the Congo. We have written to the Director of Customs, however, asking for permission to forward them to you via air pouch. Would you in the meantime be able to furnish us any information that might help us in case we are asked by Customs for an explanation of the matter?

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor,
American Consul General

Enclosures: 3



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American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
May 10, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Dr. L. van den Berghe,
Directeur de l'I.R.S.A.C.,
Lwiro,
(Kivu).

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Thank you for your letter of the 5th, which arrived yesterday.
We have looked into the matters you mention, with the following results:

1. There are no packages being held at the Astoria for Mr. Kellogg. There are, however, a number of packages of books there for a Mr. Kelsey, which must have been what gave rise to the misunderstanding.
2. The average price at the Palace for double room with bath, two in a room, breakfast included, is 350 francs a night; the corresponding price at the Memling is 375 francs.
3. The Memling serves no meals, except breakfast, which is included in the price of the room. Since there is no restaurant in the Memling, many visitors to Leopoldville find it more convenient to stay in the Palace or the Regina even though they may find the rooms somewhat less attractive than at the Memling.
4. We are informed that the price of gasoline at Stanleyville is 5.60 francs per liter; at Leopoldville it is 3.70 francs per liter.

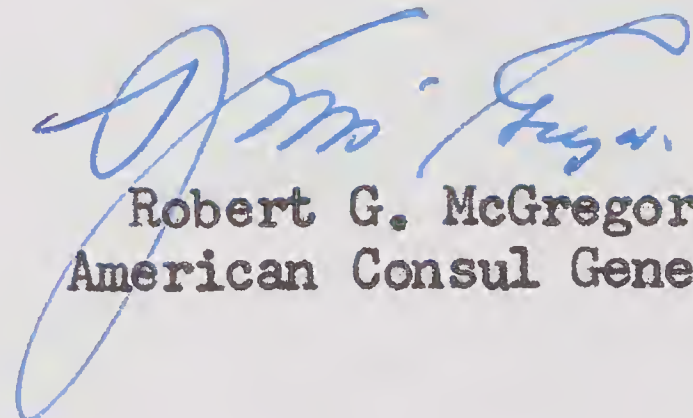
Immediately after receiving your letter from Stanleyville, I wrote to our Embassy in Brussels, outlining the difficulties you have had here in the Customs line and asking the Embassy to approach the Ministry of Colonies to see if anything could be done to relieve you of some of your Customs obligations. The Embassy has done this, and we will write you as soon as we are informed of the Ministry's reply. Dr. Carmichael has also been in touch with the Department of State on the matter.

Your transit document covering the films is enclosed. Since the last shipment was to have come from Stanleyville, I presume that there will be no more films going back by pouch.

It's nice to hear that you are having such a pleasant trip and we hope that you all continue to bear up under the rigors of the Congo bush. I will write again later.

With kindest regards to Dr. Baker, the Sextons and yourself,

Sincerely,



Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

Enclosure:
Transit document
040031 - Leo-Aero



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(b)
American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
May 11, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Mr. Vanhee,
Contrôleur des Douanes,
Usumbura.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Mr. Yost called on the Director of Customs again this morning, at the request of the Director, to discuss your case.

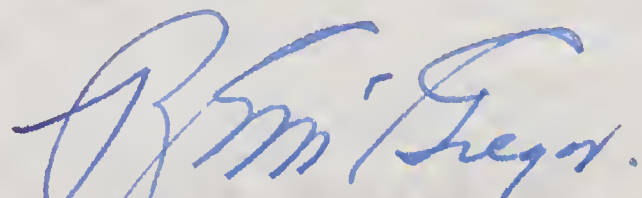
The Director stated that there was absolutely nothing anyone could do to relieve you of your responsibility vis-a-vis the Customs and that you will definitely have to pay duty on any of your declared goods that are left in the Congo. There is no discretion permitted by the existing legislation, even in the case of scientific parties. However, you may feel freer about two items: (1) There will be no tax on your film exposed in the Congo; all you have to do is present the same amount, either exposed or unexposed, upon leaving as you declared on entering (less the amount marked off the transit document as having gone out by pouch) and there will be no Customs charges to pay on any of it. (2) There is no import duty on books, so your acarology texts can come in free.

The Director advised us to have you get in touch with the "Contrôleur des Douanes" at Customs headquarters in Usumbura, Mr. VANHEE, and present all the Customs documents in your possession to him. Ordinarily, if you followed your previously determined itinerary, you would pass through Customs on leaving Belgian territory at Kaki-Tumba on the Ruanda-Uganda border, but since that post might not have enough money on hand to refund your deposits, Mr. Vanhee, to whom the Director here is writing, will do what he can to help you.

I am sorry that all of the efforts made on your behalf have not proven more helpful, but there seems to be no way at all of tempering the Customs law in this matter. I am making a full report of your experiences to the appropriate authorities in Washington in order to serve as a guide to other scientific parties that contemplate working in the Congo.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General



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American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
June 7, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition,
c/o American Embassy,
Cairo.

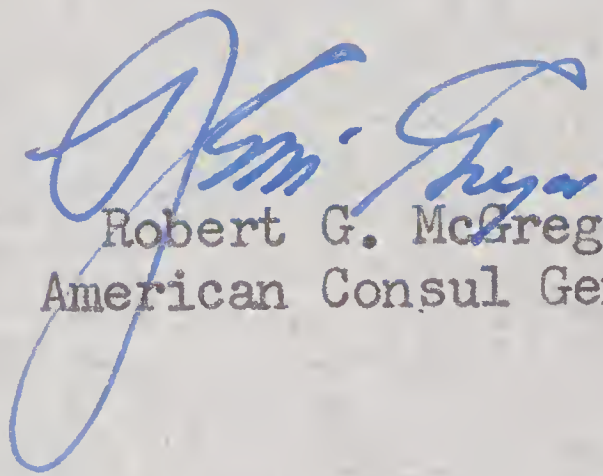
Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I have just received a note dated June 3 from Mr. Van hee, Controller of Customs at Usumbura, who informed us that you had not as yet called at his office. You may recall we suggested this call in our telegram to you of May 11--it was particularly important since we had sent the transit document covering your films to you in his care and since considerable trouble had been taken by the Director of Customs in Leopoldville to insure that Mr. Van hee would help you in any way possible.

Could you let us know as soon as possible what happened after we last heard from you from Paulis? We are also writing to Dr. Van den Berghe in the hopes that he can throw some light on the question. I sincerely hope that no sickness or other difficulty caused a change in your plans. Did our telegram to you at Lwiro perhaps miss you?

With kind regards to you, the Sextons and Dr. Baker,

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

C O P Y

May 30, 1955

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. McGregor:

We all pull some boners some time, and perhaps I more than my share. We failed to get to see the Custom's man in Usumbura and pick up the "yellow sheet" relating to our film brought in at Leopoldville. The reason was that we had such a good time with Dr. Harroy, new governor of Ruandi-Urundi, that all else was forgotten that day,--I've known him since way back in '39 by correspondence, and moreover he personally picked Dr. Marlier as head of the laboratory at Uvira (Lake Tanganyika) whom I think is one of the finest, most sympatico of all the Belgians met on this trip,---and now back to customs, yellow sheets, and border exit. The young man in charge was grand on all counts, we also had the personal assistance of Dr. Frank Lambrecht of IRSAC at Lwiro, who had business in the area. As a result we checked off all used film to the customs officer's satisfaction without that one yellow document, paid a reasonable tax, on film and other items, and personally have no complaints or gripes. However, when I said I would like the yellow sheets for return to you re the guarantee he replied that he would mail them back to the proper customs official, I take it, in Leopoldville. I hope it works out alright, if not, you can count on me to make good anything that may be charged against you on our (film) account. Dr. Lambrecht will be able to bear witness to the above statements.

We had a grand time and now are two days out of Juba, floating down the Nile. When we got to Juba the airplane co. said they did not have us listed for seats, nor could we get a charter plane. We did find an auto and driver who got us through in time to make the boat with half day to spare. Sorry I can't mail this before Khartoum. Hope you ~~have not~~ were ^{not} caused any anxiety about customs, but I've had little time to write till now. You shall have a better letter from Washington. Regards to you and your family, Bob Yost and his, and the young ladies who also helped us so much,

Waldo L. Schmitt

Dear Mr.

May 31/58

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American Consulate^{3c} General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
May 13, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Mr. Vanhee,
Contrôleur des Douanes,
Usumbura.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I have delayed writing until we had explored every possibility of securing some advantages for you which would relieve you of the necessity of too many customs complications on leaving the Congo. You will have received our last letter on this subject, and although I am hopeful that you will have a minimum of duties to pay, I feel that your whole trip has revealed a situation which the Belgians will want to correct if other expeditions are to be encouraged to visit the Congo.

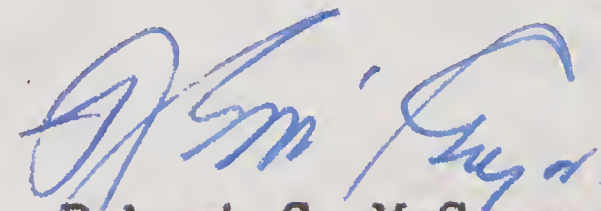
The trouble seems to be that the Customs law is completely inflexible, and no Government functionary, including the Minister of Colonies, has any discretion in applying the Customs laws affecting expeditions such as yours. It is at least comforting to know that the decisions that were taken in respect of your group were not due to either pettiness on the part of officials or a lack of willingness to accommodate you.

We have learned much, and as soon as you have left and we know the results of your experience at the port of exit, we will make a full report to the Department for the information of all concerned in Washington.

You have been extremely patient and conscientious under trying circumstances, and this has helped us to play our part.

Please give our very best regards to all the members of your party. We hope that the results of your work will compensate for your inconveniences.

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

Dear Mr. MacGregor

Schulayville Apr. 1

After all the trouble I've caused you I hate to let you read this repetition of them. The customs people here tell me if I can get a "letter" such as I hope Dr. Carmichael can get from the Belgian Government through our State Department all will be plain sailing when it comes to leaving the Congo. I understand up here that the tax is still due on the film you are sending out for us. We got it gov't rate which is cheaper than dealers can buy it from Eastman, but I guess tax is on current market value. If tax is due on what you handle, and will be due on what we take out, it would be both a windfall and a blessing if Dr. Carmichael can obtain the much desired waiver for film and indeed our whole outfit. The people had here a copy of a letter from E. P. Walters to you, but said it was not enough to clear us of customs as a sci. party. You were right the Smithsonian should have cleared us with our own State Dept. first instead of telling the Dept that we were going. Poor Dr. Carmichael; - hope his not tearing his hair over all this, but I must confess it's all I can do to keep from tearing at mine. We are all still very healthy reasonably happy and trying to reduce. Best every to you^{all} and Leopoldville
H. S. Schmitz

Dear Dr. Carmichael, Forgive me this follow up of ye
terdays letter, but we are most anxious to have all
duties waived on our film and collecting gear. We
did not ^{as a scientific expedition} anticipate ^{exposed film} pay in duty on our photographic

Paulis Apr. 28/55

Dear Mr. McGregor, Thank you for your 28/4/55
several communications, and forgive me mine.
I owe you more than I shall ever be able
to repay, and now you've fixed us up for
Gangala-na-Bodio. It is a relief to know
that we can go there. For the Parks and Gar-
gala Dr. Van Straelen thought he'd arranged
every thing that special permit was a
much later development which thanks to you
has now been resolved.

I have been careless in
addressing you and you have been too
much of a gentleman to mind. I've been
writing Mac and I "see" at long last that it's
Me. I should have known better. As far
as shrimps go I've come cropper, — for me
thing little early (still in rainy season); best ad-
vice is come Dec. and Jan. if you want shrimp
would that I could and hope I might.

We've kept our good health
and spirits. I dropped Mr. Dorez a line in case
we should later call on him. Thank you for your
letter to him too. Best ever from all of us
to you and yours, Sincerely
Linda & Shrimps

Stanleyville ^①
Apr. 22/55

Dear Mr. McGregor, Please pardon paper, writing, and ? further troubles? Of this last I do not yet know what may be in store for me, for us.

But first of all, we all thank you for "fixing" the Sangala-na-Bodio ^(and Gurumba Park) ~~and Gurumba Park~~ ^{visits} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~last~~ van Straelen had arranged but apparently the further permit which you obtained so promptly was the more essential. Thanks again.

The soldering iron will be useful its for sealing plastic tubing in which specimens are conveniently shipped without breakage or leakage these days. I am buying a bank draft to mail the Inst. Parcs Nat. to reimburse them for the iron.

How we miss and missed you and Mr. Yost, even though the customs people were simply grand. They took our word for everything and we have the boxes stored in the Sabena warehouse across the road from the Guest House, where Thornham put us up - not the Wageria as we had expected. ^(and as you know)

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However, we had to attach a price (estimate) for every item on the list of contents of the 11 chests (a list of which they made there own copy, long hand). On the basis of this I had to deposit 12,000 francs which will be returned to me less taxes charged when leaving country but what will be taxed of our many misc. items besides films. Does the tax ^(25%) on films apply only to motion picture film, or all film ^{exposed in the Congo}. At any rate I wrote home (The Smithsonian) asking for dispensation on all film carried by us, through highest State Dept. channels. Do we escape tax on film you sent and are sending out for us; if so how? it was declared film. Fortunately half of what we have with us from the chests is intended for Egypt, and so will be unexposed when we leave (and still in transit).

Now as to other items, cheese cloth for instance, we listed about 50 yds. and whether in bin or jest, the statement was passed I'd have to "show" 50 yds when leaving. I said, Why it will be all cut up and wrapped around specimens, ~~It~~ could be unwrapped & cloth measured, but I

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Think I can convince him (the border man) that it's all there. The A.M.I. man who went down with us, a Mr. Verhoustraeten laughed and said you'd better say you bought in the Congo. I was unable to locate Mr. Danbenet (if I have it spelled correctly). We brought in 6 copies of Baker's and Wharton's Neurology text to give to the various research laboratories we ^{shall} visit - we left one with Dr. Evens of the Lab. Astrid, will we have to pay a tax on them? I am asking this and other questions of like nature of Mr. Verhoustraeten today when we shall see him again. I can't believe that we have to account for the plastic vials of which we have ^(at least 2 gr.) several gross, some I've already sent home with specimens of one we used top and so on. In any case the taxes or duties should be small, and we'll survive, but we have a host of misc. things as you know from the ~~first~~ ^{other} (air) shipment aside from film.

If we left some ^{exposed} film ~~with~~ with Dr. Chapin near Bukavu to mail to you for the post

in a few 21b packages ^{entered} would it be alright? This
would be film on the transit document we
are getting here, and would have to account
for when we leave the country. It would not
be part of the film brought into Leo, and so
the pouch would not have to be sealed in the
presence of the customs officer. The

Exposed film which we shall mail you from
here in the next day or two will be some
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ment you hold. We shall, for use in Egypt
have enough unexposed film to account
for every thing brought in at Leo, and not
checked off before you mail the "paper" to
Bukavu, where we arrive May 13.

Answers to the questions raised would be
of interest, but do not take too much time with
them. Customs people in the long run have been
most reasonable in their interpretation of the
law when it comes to bug hunters. All said and
done we have fared well, largely due to you and
Bob Yost, and especially in Leo, where you stood
behind us. My best to you all, Sincerely, Walter I. Schmidt

P.S. We are well and happy; the bites continue to pay off the most promising
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in not over 2 lb. lots (a few lots) would it be alright?
We would take care of the check made on the
transit document we get here today. For
the film on the transit paper which you are
mailing us when the Stanleyville (exposed) film
~~reaches you and is~~ ch



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
April 21, 1955.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Sabena Guest House,
Stanleyville.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

We have just received a letter, dated April 20, from the Government General, reading as follows:

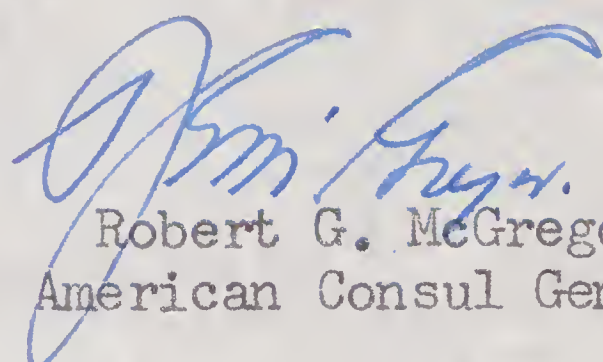
"The Director of the Hunting Station at Gangala-na-Bodio has been advised of the arrival at and the visit of the Station by the members of the (Smithsonian-Bredin) Expedition.

"Regarding the visit to the National Parks, this is dependent on the granting of a visitor's permit which is given by the persons delegated for this purpose by the Managing Committee of the 'Institut des Parcs Nationaux'."

Since the latter permit is within the competence of Mr. Van Straelen, he will almost certainly have made complete arrangements for you. Otherwise I would suggest your writing him directly before your visit to Kagera Park.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

March 25, 1955

Mr. Robert G. McGregor
American Consulate General
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

HCZ copy

Dear Mr. McGregor:

Although I had planned to send the Leopoldville part of my collecting gear by steamer, I have had to change it to air express because the steamer sailing from New York was postponed, which would have brought things to Leopoldville much too late.

The present shipment consists of four black fiber cases, strapped, with handles, and enclosed in individual crates. A list of the contents of the cases will be forwarded you officially, as before. The shipment is addressed:

American Consulate General
Leopoldville
Belgian Congo
(WLS)

I do not know just when it will leave the Museum. As air express takes only two or three days from New York, I cannot predict just when it will arrive. Dr. Baker and I expect to land in Leopoldville the morning of April 8 via Sabena. It may be that we will be there with you to receive the shipment. In any case, we are destined for the Hotel Astoria, and I am hoping that they have a spare storage room in which we can do some unpacking and assembling of collections that we may make in the vicinity. Do not concern yourself with this matter, however.

Thank you for your letter of March 15. I am keeping my fingers crossed, hoping that the first shipment gets to Stanleyville in time.

I hope that we are not making too much trouble for you and that I may be able to return your kindness in some fashion either when I see you or at some later date.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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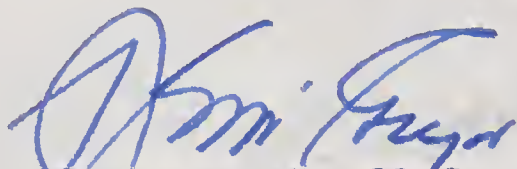
American Consulate General,
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo,
March 15, 1955.

Dear Mr. Schmitt:

The carbon of your letter of March 10, 1955 preceded the original being sent via official channels.

I am writing now to say that we will do everything possible to comply with your instructions to get your equipment on to Stanleyville in time for you to pick it up there. At this point I am not sure what complications there will be, but I feel certain we can work the matter out, provided the S. S. STEENSTRAETE arrives at Matadi in time to make all the transshipments. It looks as though it will be a very close race with time, but I am sure that all who will be asked to help will cooperate in view of the scientific nature of your mission.

Sincerely yours,


Robert G. McGregor
American Consul General

Waldo L. Schmitt, Esquire,
Head Curator,
Department of Zoology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

McGregor, Robert

3/11/55

American Consulate General
Leopoldville
Belgian Congo

HCZ copy

Dear Sir:

The Smithsonian Institution is sponsoring an expedition to the Belgian Congo under the leadership of Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt, our head curator of Zoology. Flying Sabena to Leopoldville by way of Kano, Nigeria, and paying a brief visit to Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa, the party will travel from Stanleyville to Bukavu by auto, on to Usumbura, in Ruanda-Urundi, and thence to Entebbe, Uganda, by plane to Juba in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, where a boat will be taken for a trip down the Nile to Cairo, using train travel where necessary. From Cairo Sabena will be taken home, with some stops in continental Europe. The expedition has been organized for the purpose of collecting and studying the smaller animal life of the region, chiefly invertebrate.

In connection with this proposed trip, we have taken the liberty of forwarding through the U. S. Despatch Agent the collecting outfit addressed as shown on the attached shipping invoice in your care at Matadi, the port of entry, for re-forwarding to the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition at Stanleyville, Belgian Congo. The shipment will leave New York March 12 on the SS STEENSTRAETE, Belgian Line, and will arrive at Matadi March 23-25. May I ask that you kindly approach the local Belgian officials to authorize them to forward the shipment from Matadi to Leopoldville. It will be appreciated if you will then clear the material through customs and reship it from Leopoldville to Stanleyville. I am enclosing a detailed list of contents of the boxes. Inadvertently, the boxes are addressed to Leopoldville as final destination. To assist you with marking the boxes to Stanleyville, I am having labels sent to you under separate cover.

Though Dr. Schmitt and his party will arrive in Leopoldville April 8 to 11, they will pick up this equipment in Stanleyville, where the party begins its auto tour eastward on April 18. On his arrival, Dr. Schmitt will reimburse you for any expenses entailed in handling this shipment.

A smaller shipment of supplies destined for the use of the party in the Leopoldville area will follow on the next Belgian Line steamer, two weeks hence, but about it we shall communicate with you shortly.

May I ask that you please date, sign, and return the white copy of the enclosed shipping invoice when the equipment is delivered to you or your personal representative in Matadi.

It is with sincere regret that I make this request at this late date. The expedition has been arranged hurriedly, not allowing time to consult you in advance. I hope you can give us assistance without great inconvenience to yourself.

Very truly yours,

Remington Kellogg
Director

AIR MAIL

March 10, 1955

Mr. Robert MacGregor
American Consul
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Through official channels, your assistance is being solicited by the Smithsonian Institution in behalf of the Smithsonian-Bredin Congo Expedition which the Institution is sponsoring, and which I have the honor, and I might add, the pleasure, of heading up as the Smithsonian's representative. In extension of that official communication, I would like to add this more personal word, for we do need your help in the worst kind of way, in order that the heavier part of our photographic supplies and collecting gear get to Stanleyville in time for us to pick them up on April 16 or 17 on our arrival there.

As at present constituted, the expedition is a relatively small one, our party consisting of but four people who may later be joined by two more at a somewhat later date. The four include myself, Dr. Edward Baker, acarologist (mite and tick man) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton of Washington, D. C., physician (medical consultant) and photographer, and his son, Roy L., Jr., as assistant. We are flying by Sabena to Leopoldville, to arrive there, Schmitt and Baker, on April 8, and the Sextons on April 11. On the 17th we fly to Stanleyville to take two autos (one for the party and one for supplies and gear) for the balance of our stay in the Belgian Congo. This will take us to the northeastward to Gangala-na-Bodia, then south to Costermansville, Uvira and Usumbura, up to the Kagera Park, and on to Entebbe, Uganda, where we take the plane for Juba for the boat (and train) trip down the Nile to Cairo; then home.

The fact that we are flying from Leopoldville to Stanleyville has made it necessary to ship our heavier impedimenta in advance of our own arrival, so that it will get to Stanleyville by the time we get there. It is for this reason that we so urgently need your help. This shipment, which leaves New York, March 12, on the Belgian Line S.S. STEENSTRAETE and which is listed on the invoice sent you officially will need to be transferred almost immediately (is that the word?) to the train for Leopoldville, and from there to the river steamer for Stanleyville. I do not know how tight connections are, but that gear we've got to have in Stanleyville by the 16th or 17th at the latest if the expedition is to succeed. Can this be accomplished? I sincerely hope so. We hold special passports, Baker, the elder Sexton, and myself, and are travelling on an official, Smithsonian-sponsored, expedition, and so, I hope, there will be a minimum of Customs' difficulties. Do the chests

(there are 12 of them) have to be opened in Matadi?, Leopoldville?, or can they be sent in bond, or at least forwarded to Stanleyville to be opened for inspection there before the proper officials if opening be deemed necessary? For those boxes to remain in Leopoldville (or Matadi) till we get there would be fatal. They must get to Stanleyville by the 17th, if humanly possible, if we are to do the collecting we have planned and hope to accomplish.

Just in case, I am sending you herewith a key that fits the locks to these several chests, and especially because there is one chest that I must ask you to open before it is shipped up river. It is much the smallest of the lot, #12, containing the ammunition we hope to use in the long-barrelled collecting pistols we are bringing along. It is in two lots in this #12 chest or box. The uppermost canvas bag with anything in it is marked "for Leopoldville," and if I remember correctly, contains 4 boxes of "410" shells and 3 of commercial long rifle 22's, all containing small or "dust" shot. Down nearer the bottom of this little chest is another canvas bag marked "for Stanleyville" which contains 6 boxes of the 410's and also 3 of the 22's. The chest and these last ("for Stanleyville") should go on to Stanleyville with the other eleven chests. If there is any question about ammunition, hold it till we get to see you, but I do hope that that marked for Stanleyville can go forward, and that you will hold out that intended for use in the vicinity of Leopoldville. I guess by the time you've read all this you will wish we had never intended to explore the Congo for any kind of animal life!

It's high time I told you what we are after both zoologically and photographically. No one of us is interested in hunting game, birds, or animals, though we shall try to get some effective motion pictures of the characteristic larger African animals in the several national parks visited, Garamba, Albert, and Kagera. A photographic record of the expedition's operations will also be kept. Our primary interest is the invertebrate fauna, mites, and ticks as they affect plants and animals, shrimps and crabs, and other terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, shells, and fish as taken by the natives at the various river and lake fisheries.

With your help we can certainly make a go of things regardless of weather, though rains, if they are heavy day times, will slow us down. Here's hoping you can spare the time to get our boxes off to Stanleyville. I shall pay up promptly whatever you may expend in our behalf, and if an advance would be not only appropriate but helpful, please do not hesitate to write me air mail. The least I could do is send you the cost of freight from Matadi to Stanleyville, and cost of having boxes relabelled (but do not, if you can avoid it, get me or our collecting outfit into the hands of customs brokers so-called). Do give me an idea how

much I can send in advance; the balance needed I shall pay you when I see you. Fellow citizens can get a consul into lots of trouble. Forgive at least some of us!

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

P.S.1. I hate to mention it here, but a much smaller shipment destined for our party's use in the Leopoldville area will follow on the next Belgian African Line steamer two weeks hence, but about that we shall write you again on the eve of its departure.

P.S. 2. Mr. Eric Thornton-Dailly, who is making most of our trip arrangements, writes if you cannot help us get the Stanleyville shipment to Stanleyville, no one else can.

Wire to Schmitt from McGregor

From Leopoldville

Dr. Waldo Schmitt c/o
IRSAC Lwiro, Bukavu

Belgian government unable give Customs waiver letter sent
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director Cumstoms Leopoldville and will help you within
his regulation.

McGregor

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Dr Waldo Schmitt c/o
 Isaac Swins
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(Ordonnance législative n° 254/Téléc. du 23 août 1940.)

(Wetgevende ordonnantie nr 254/Telev van 23 Augustus 1940.)

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E. MARCUS

São Paulo, November 1, 1954

Caixa Postal, 6994
UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO
São Paulo, Faculdade de Filosofia, Ciências e Letras

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

In reply to your kind letter of October 22, I have first tried to compile the data of the months in which the Paludicoles ("Planarians") are sexually mature in Africa. Our entirely immature strains between Lat. 3° and 4° N are from march to october. Between Lat. 8° and 9° S. we had a few mature worms among a great number of immature ones from april to june. In addition to these facts there are Beauchamp's statements for Northern Angola (ours refer to Uele the first and Upemba the latter) (Lunda), where he had mature specimens in january and september, the biggest worms among a great number of immature smaller ones. Libbie Hyman, The Invertebrates v. 2 p. 195 thinks that low temperature followed by rise of temperature induces a sexual period under laboratory conditions. We have obtained reproductive organs in winter with scarce food in *Dugesia hypoglauca*. This species however lives in rapidly running water and the temperature of our laboratory during winter months was certainly higher than in the open. One cannot define the conditions yet which bring on sexuality. The inner Tropics seem to be more favourable to fission; sexual worms are rare. Preservation in alcohol 80 % is recommendable. The animal occur generally under stones and on water plants or roots of shore trees in the water, in stagnant and running water. We think that terricolous "planarians" under rotten logs and stones also in damp open and even dry environment are more auspicious - though much less abundant - than the freshwater species. The colour of back and belly of the terrestrial worms should be noted before dropping the worms into their alcohol that preserves them well but may draw the colour out.

With all our due respect and personal sympathy for Mme. Alice Pruvot-Fol we cant imagine that she might be able to give "expert advice" for an Opisthobranch MS. Prof. C. H. O'Donoghue, Department of Zoology, the University, Reading, England is much more indicated. He has retired recently and should have time for your task. He has published many papers on Pacific Coast Opisthobranchs. Also Prof. Herbert Engel, Zoologisch Museum, Amsterdam, Plantage Middenlaan 53, and Prof. Nils Hjalmar Odhner, Naturhist. Museum, Stockholm 50; Drottninggatan 96 are the first living authorities in the realm of Opisthobranchia. We are bloody beginners, quite incipient workers on these animals and by no means authorized to put our critical noses into a manuscript probably accomplished with notes and directions of Frank Mace McFarland, an outstanding Scientist. His Opisthobranchiate Mollusca of the Branner Agassiz Expedition to Brazil are excellent, and we can only hope that we after a long row of years can reach his level. I think that we are absolutely unfit for the task that you kindly propose, immensely over-estimating our knowledge both of the animals and of the bibliography, that the question of our trip to the United States need not be discussed.

We hope that you have received our letter a few days ago, begging you kindly to ask Dr. R. T. Abbott for a copy of his paper :A new Florida Species of the Tectibranch Genus *Pleurobranchus*. *Nautilus* v. 63 1949, p. 73-78, pl. 5. - *nautilus* is not available in S. Paulo

With our kindest regards to you and your dear family, and also to Dr. Bassler and His,

Very sincerely yours

Eveline and Ernst Marcus

August 1, 1955
Marlier, G. J. L.

Air Mail

Dr. G. J. L. Marlier
IRSAC
Uvira, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Marlier:

I have been home a month but I am just now finding a few moments to get off a few letters to those who did so much for me in my recent visit to the Belgian Congo. The highlight of the trip was my visit to your laboratory and the acquaintance which I made with you, your wife, and the staff at the station. If ever the opportunity is vouchsafed me I shall certainly come back to spend some months at Uvira.

Under separate cover I am sending you a popular account of Crustacea that I wrote a good many years ago now. It is one, however, that may be of some interest to you and should perhaps be among those that you have in your private library.

You will recall that I promised you two of those little plastic crab tokens in the natural color, so to speak. Those that I left with you were dyed and, though brighter in color, not half so true to life. Two of the natural ones will be included with the book.

I am hoping before the end of the year to put together a little narrative account of our expedition and also to put together a few pictures, particularly a short movie reel. But all that takes a little more time than I can spare at this moment.

You may be surprised to learn that we have been suffering from a rather terrible heat wave here in Washington. Nowhere in Africa did I suffer the discomfort that we are having now. It is all due to the very high humidity. Perhaps I was in Africa and in the Congo at a most favorable time but throughout we did enjoy the lovely weather and as I say, this I remember well, the pleasant time that you and your wife showed us.

My very best to you folks and the other members of your staff.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

Marlier, Dr. G. J. L.

AIR MAIL

24 February 1955

Dr. Marlier
IRSAC
Uvira, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Marlier:

You may have heard from Dr. Jadin or Dr. Vercaemmen-Grandjean that a small party of 4 people including myself will be visiting the Belgian Congo this April and May, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution to collect specimens of the smaller animal life of the area, chiefly invertebrate, mites, ticks, and their plant and animal hosts, shrimps and crabs, and other forms of aquatic and terrestrial life, shells, and some fishes as we may have the opportunity to do so.

If our present plans are carried through, we should arrive in Bukavu about May 13, and in Uvira about the 16th or 19th. Our party will consist of Dr. Edward Baker, acarologist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton and his son as photographers, and myself. Dr. Sexton hopes to keep a photographic record of our travels and collecting, and of places, and people and the natives we encounter. For my part the Crustacea are the main thing; and for Dr. Baker chiefly the mites affecting plants, though he will not be overlooking those parasitic on animals.

Having heard of your hydrobiological station, however, I am most anxious to visit it and spend two or three days collecting in its vicinity. I hope I shall be fortunate enough to at least to see if not collect some of the interesting endemic shrimp reported from Tangyika despite our altogether brief visit.

Official permission for travel and collecting, and for our limited equipment and photographic gear will be requested of the Belgian Government by the Smithsonian.

Looking forward to seeing you before too very long, I am

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:hg

January 19, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Marsh
Marsh Lumber Co., Inc.
Dover, Ohio

Dear Folks:

That was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. I am certainly glad that you came and brought the family, such of them as were available.

The pictures were a treat, and with this I am sending you one of our kodachrome slides of the Countess. Fortunately, Dr. Sexton took several of her.

The motion pictures are moving along apace. I have the first third part of them ready for splicing. My complaint, when you were here, is that some of the most exciting shots were badly fogged; still we have quite a bit that will make an entertaining evening, and some time I hope to have the pleasure of showing them to you all.

That Tuscarawas County cheese was a wonderful treat, as mellow and mild and tasty as any I have ever eaten. My wife enthuses equally about that hand-made paring knife. Does Mr. Warther deal in them, for certainly I would like to buy a half dozen at least myself? Mrs. Schmitt said she has never had the like of it in her hands. Thank you folks ever so much for the wonderful cheese, the cutting board, and the knife.

This West Indian trip that I talked about is adding to my burdens, but when that is over, I will be prepared to travel around. We do owe my wife's relatives in California a visit, and, if so, we will certainly pass through your part of the world.

I have not seen Dr. Baker, but the cheese was delivered to him the day it arrived.

My very best to you, your youngsters, and your married daughter and her family.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Enclosure
WLSchmitt:EEK

POSTSCRIPT

February 27, 1956

This letter has been terribly delayed because I took two of our kodachromes over to the photo shop to have them duplicated for you, and just today have they been returned to me. Otherwise, this letter would have been mailed the same day or the day after it was written.

On these slides you will find the Countess, or was it Baroness, of serious mien and smiling. They are both yours, and they are a very small return for that wonderful cheese, cutting board and knife that you sent us ever so long ago.

We are hopping off for Trinidad via the ILE DE FRANCE on the 2nd of March, from New York. I will try to write you during the trip, and don't forget, I want to see you folks and your daughters and son-in-law when they come to town. I would like to take you by the Cosmos Club one of these times.

Quite a Postscript, isn't it?

MARSH LUMBER CO., INC.

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INTERIOR TRIM

TELEPHONE 42384

DOVER · OHIO

January 11, 1956

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator, Dept. of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

While visiting our daughter and her family over Christmas we were indeed glad that we had the good fortune of seeing you and Professor Baker again, and of having the added pleasure of meeting your charming wife.

We certainly had no intention of the whole tribe descending on you for a feed but everything was under control so quickly and perfectly that being with you was a most enjoyable occasion which we shall not forget.

I am sending you, by parcel post, some Tuscarawas County Swiss cheese, which we think is very good; also, a maple cutting board and a hand-made paring knife. The knife is made by Mr. Ernest Warther of our city, the world's finest carver of miniature engines which are made to scale out of walnut, ebony, and ivory, and actually run.

Thank you again for your kindness and our best wishes to you and Mrs. Schmitt and Professor Baker.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph H. Marsh
Joseph H. Marsh

P. S. As I do not have Professor Baker's address, I would appreciate your handing him the package which I am sending in your care. Thank you.

JHM

*Send Gaubler photo
Kodachrome*

Filed: Belgian Congo
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Marsh

September 15, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Marsh
462 N. Broadway
New Philadelphia, Ohio

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marsh:

It's both wonderful to hear from you folks and to have that fascinating narrative of your African travels. You make me wish that you had been part of our party and that Mrs. Marsh had served us as scribe. Her report is as nice a thing of this sort as I have ever seen and didn't I enjoy reading it! Indeed, you have given me information that I can use in my account, yet to be written up.

I wish that our paths had crossed several times more before we both left that continent. Don't forget your promise to look me up the next time you come this way. Give me an hour's notice and you can have sandwich luncheon and coffee right here in the office.

Thanks again for remembering me with that intriguing account of your African and Holy Land safari.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

WLS:vb

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TELEPHONE 42384

DOVER · OHIO

AUGUST 26, 1955

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

We received your nice letter, for which we thank you.

On June 8, we met Professor Baker in the lobby of the hotel at Cairo. We told him we were taking the train that evening for Luzor and he thought we would probably see you and your party there on the 9th or 10th. You had not arrived yet so we left a note at the desk for you.

Sending a diary of our trip. I think my wife did a wonderful job keeping so complete a record. We also have some very fine picture slides in colors and we hope we have a chance to show them to you some time.

It was too bad that you did not see the lions. We saw nine in all. Some in Ruindi, Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls trip. They are hard to see, usually lying near bushes in the shade. At one time we saw a water buck near the road, he paid no attention to us, just had his eyes riveted on something ahead of us and as we drove on, sure enough, he was watching three lions, one male and two female. It was late in the evening but we were able to get within forty feet of them and the pictures are good.

When we arrived at Beirut, Lebanon we were pretty weary and beginning to lose interest in very important things, and, a little homesick, so we cancelled our tour to Turkey and Greece and flew home by Pan-American.

It is true we had to hurdle some rough spots on our trip but it was worth the effort and feel like you, we must go back to see more of this wonderful country.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Joe Marsh
Jessie and Joe Marsh

EW

Marsh, Mr. & Mrs. Jos. H.

August 1, 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Marsh
Marsh Lumber Company, Inc.
Dover, Ohio

Dear Folks:

I am so sorry that we missed you in Kampala or was it Entebbe? I do not this moment have your kind note before me. I take it you came through your whole safari in the best of health. We had our ups and downs but now everybody is feeling tip-top including Dr. Baker, who at one time was the hardest hit of the four of us. If I had the opportunity I think I'd go back to Africa tomorrow to see the places I failed to get to this first time around. I think it's a marvelous part of the world and there is yet so much to be learned about it.

At this time it's not possible to tell you how our movies turned out. Quite a number of the rolls of film have failed to come through on time but the last word last week was that the balance of our film was on its way home. Did you have good luck seeing the wild life in Ruindi Park and did you by any chance see some lions? We didn't get a shot at one the whole time we were in the Congo.

There is one trip that I would not have missed for the world and that was our leisurely journey down the Nile by steamer--two of the most restful weeks I ever spent anywhere, in a comfortable, airy cabin with table service as good as anywhere in the whole dark continent.

Some time when you come to Washington don't fail to look me up. I am here in the National Museum at 10th and Constitution Avenue. My best good wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Dept. of Zoology

WLS:vb

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NEPERA CHEMICAL CO. INC.
Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
NEPERA PARK, YONKERS 2, N.Y.

December 8, 1955

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Doctor Schmitt:

I appreciate your kind letter of November 10 regarding your soil samples and hope that you have had some success in having these studied. I have not had an opportunity to talk to Dr. Welch recently so I do not know if you have discussed the matter with him.

Your mention of the DuPonts having an interest in antibiotics surprises me. I did not know that they were doing research in this field.

We are currently having the Merck people make an antibiotic for us for experimental use which was why I had suggested them, but there are many others in this field that I know quite well.

If I can give you any assistance, please let me know.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George W. Mast, M. D.
Vice President
Medical & Scientific Director

GWM:mc

Mast, Dr. Geo. W.

Filed: Belgian Congo

November 10, 1955

Dr. George W. Mast, Vice President
Nepera Chemical Co., Inc.
Nepera Park, Yonkers 2, New York

Dear Dr. Mast:

You are more than kind to give so much of your time in response to my inquiry regarding the soil samples I gathered in the Belgian Congo. I appreciate the references that you have given me and also the very good advice contained in your letter. I shall get in touch with Dr. Welch. I know him well but never quite thought of him in connection with antibiotics; even though I served as a member of his committee looking into the welfare of the American Type Culture Collection a few years ago.

Before I ask you to take things up with the Merck people I think I will confer once more with Mr. Bredin who financed our African expedition. Somewhere recently I heard that the DuPonts have, or had, some interest in antibiotics. Perhaps Mr. Bredin might want to offer them there because of his business connection with that organization. If he has no further interest in the matter and if Dr. Welch should so advise we might want to call upon you to help us with Merck & Co.

We have no desire to cash in in a big way on what may come out of our samples but the Smithsonian is a relatively poor organization and every little bit that we can "earn" along the way does help finance further expeditions. It is nice to know that you feel the same way about it.

I thank you,

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

WLS:vb

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
NEPERA PARK, YONKERS 2, N.Y.

November 7, 1955

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Doctor Schmitt:

I must apologize for the long delay in answering your very kind letter regarding the soil samples that you picked up in the Belgian Congo.

We are deeply appreciative of your interest in collecting these for us but, unfortunately, we are not equipped in our Research Laboratories to study them for their possible antibiotic content. I have inquired of several people to see if there was some way that we could get these studied with the stipulation that the Smithsonian Institution share in any profits that might result from these should a useful antibiotic be turned up. I am concerned that I have been unable to get some agreement out of the companies that are doing such studies. Their practice apparently is to pay a small fee for the collection of samples, with no strings attached as to their further development.

We have been carrying out some research on antibiotics with Merck & Co., and I am told by their Vice President in Charge of Research that they would be glad to study these samples but would not like to commit themselves to a definite arrangement with respect to their further development. I certainly feel, personally, that the Smithsonian Institution should be rewarded if anything did come out of this to the benefit of the company. If you want me to, I will write this in a letter to the people at Merck to see if I can get at least a "gentleman's agreement" to that effect. If not, I would suggest that you take it up with some of the antibiotic producers or perhaps be advised by my very good, personal, friend, Dr. Henry Welch, who is in Charge of the Antibiotic Division of the Food and Drug Administration in Washington. It might even be that Dr. Welch would be interested in

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt

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November 7, 1955

checking these samples in his own Laboratories. If you wish to call him, his telephone number is Republic 7-4172, Extension 4716. In any event, I shall await your advice and hope that something good will come out of this.

Kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George W. Mast". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "M".

George W. Mast, M. D.
Vice President
Medical & Scientific Director

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Belgian Congo
Mast, Dr. Geo. W.

September 16, 1955

Dr. George W. Mast
Nepera Chemical Company
Yonkers 2, New York

Dear Dr. Mast:

Shortly before leaving for the Belgian Congo last March I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of your Dr. Fred A. Barclay at the Cosmos Club in company with a mutual friend, Ellsworth Killip. Dr. Barclay suggested that I save some soil samples, drying and sacking them in plastic bags. This I did. There are some sixty samples (list enclosed) mostly from the Belgian Congo but a few from the Sudan along the upper reaches of the Nile. Would you be interested in having them for biotic assay, -or should I say anti-biotic assay? If so I shall express them to you through our official channels.

I realize that this examination will be an undertaking of considerable magnitude and a gamble at best; but some very wonderful and valuable things do sometimes come out of soil samples. May this happen in this case, too! May I be so forward at this time to express the hope that the Smithsonian Institution be permitted some reasonable share in any profits that may possibly result from your examination of these samples, if only to replenish the Smithsonian-Bredin Fund which made the expedition possible.

The samples are at present in the custody of Dr. Willis H. Wheeler of the United States Department of Agriculture, who will release them if he can be assured that you will properly safeguard this unfumigated material as required by the Department.

If you are interested and will accept them, Dr. Wheeler will then write you regarding the Department's regulations before shipment is made.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

WLS:vb

P. S.

In addition to the samples listed on the accompanying sheets there are several that I took at the beginning of our "expedition," April 13-15 in Leopoldville. They have there a small botanical garden from which, as I recall it, I took several samples on or about April 13. One or two may have been taken from a road side ditch near by. There are one or perhaps two samples that were taken from the rather foul soil in the open air native market. This last or these last were taken on the 15th.

The soil samples are all over at Agriculture and so I am unable to check the labeling on these Leopoldville lots and they don't seem to have been entered properly in the notebook I kept from which the data following the several numbered bags is taken. The numbers are not always consecutive because some other collecting intervened.

From the looks of several samples I am afraid they have gone bad but you will know better when you examine them. Perhaps I did not sufficiently air dry them before putting them into plastic bags. Naturally I want you to find something in them, if only to bring credit to the expedition. Several members of the party made considerable use of an anti-biotic known as Achromycin to relieve attacks of dysentery.

May we have luck with these samples!

Soil Samples

1955

Belgian Congo

~~Ferdinand de Bock Park Leopoldville, April 13~~ (2-22)

- 14 A from foot path at Wagonia fishery, Stanleyville, April 19.
- 14 B from shoreline, muddy sand, Wagonia fishery, Stanleyville, Apr. 19.
- 17 rotten wood from log in "robusta" coffee field, Yangambi, Apr. 24.
- 21 from among rubber trees, near "robusta" field, Yangambi, Apr. 24.
- 22 ten feet from base of giant tree (Entandrophragma), Yangambi, Apr. 24.
- 26 just past kilometers 156 out of Stanleyville, on road to Nia-Nia, April 26.
- 28 from base of old tree stump in coffee plantation, 245 kilometers out of Stanleyville, April 26.
- 33 moist mud, about 2 ft. above water level, Obe River, on road to Paulis, 20 kilometers from Wamba, April 27.
- 35 from base of termite mound, oil nut buying stop, on road to Niangara, April 28.
- 41 from antelope field, Gangala-na-Bodio, April 29.
- 42 from baby elephant wallow (mud puddle on river bank), Gangala-na-Bodio, April 29.
- 43 from side of side road into Huilerie "Mbengu," enroute Gangala-na-Bodio, April 29.
- 44 right side main road at Huilerie "Mbengu," enroute, Gangala-na-Bodio, April 29.
- 45 from roadside ditch, Langu road enroute Gangala-na-Bodio, April 29.
- 46 at top of slope before second "ferry", Garamba Park, April 30.
- 47 at shoreline, second ferry, Garamba Park, April 30.
- 49 from between roots of large acacia, right side Watsa road fork at Faradje, May 1.
- 50 from bank 3 feet above road, right side Goto-Nioka road, 45 kilometers from Nioka, May 1.
- 52 from corn field, native village, before Nioka veterinary laboratory, May 2.

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- 53 Mioka, Ineac Agric. Exper. Station garden, May 2.
- 54 same as 53, but from coffee field near offices top of hill, May 2.
- 55 from bank across road from coffee field (No. 54 above), May 2.
- 57 from down hill side of road, Kasenyi road (returning), May 3.
- 58 from between roots of big tree, entrance Mt. Hoyo caves, May 4.
- 59 soil and rock sample from floor of 2nd cave, Mt. Hoyo, May 4.
- 60 under shade of cactus top of bluff before guest house, Ishango, May 6.
- 61 roadside, top of south road, Ishango, May 6.
- 62 from low point of afternoon drive, s. w. road, Ishango, May 6.
- 63 by log in pygmy village, 23 kilometers from Beni, May 8.
- 64 from path to pygmy village near Beni, May 8.
- 65 from Dicha hospital grounds, A.I.M., 30 kilometers from Beni, May 8.
- 67 near hippo dung, near bathing spot monument, Rwindi Camp, May 10.
- 66 near kilometer-post 469 out of Butambo on way to Rwindi Camp, May 9.
- 68 from buffalo watering place near pelican ground, Rwindi, May 10.
- 69 from hippo shore, near No. 67, Rwindi Camp, May 10.
- 70 from top of bank above lion feeding ground near hippo-pool afternoon, May 10.
- 71 roadside rut Tshibati Farm, Lwiro, May 15.
- 72 from bank of stream, Tshibati Farm, Lwiro, May 15.
- 73 from entrance of Mia-ya-moto bat cave, Lake Kivu, May 16.
- 74 from path to No. 73 bat cave, May 16.
- 75 rock and black volcanic soil from Mulungu farm (Hendrickx), May 17.
- 76 from cotton field, south of Uvira, Lake Tanganyika, May 20.
- 77 from bank of stream near railway, Uvira, Lake Tanganyika, May 20.
- 78 bottom sample dredged from 13 meters, off Uvira station, Lake Tanganyika, May 20.
- 79 roadside excavation out of Astrida, red patch at bottom of pit, May 23.

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- 80 opposite side of road from No. 79, dry dark soil near tree and among grass roots, kilometers out of Astrida, May 23.
- 81 from among grass roots on road to Gabiro, near welcome sign to province of Kibungu, May 23.
- 82 near where zebras were photographed Kagera Park, May 24.
- 83 from crocodile nest pit, Kagera Park, May 24.
- 84 from top of hill where rest house is to be built, Kagera Park, May 24.
- 85 from causeway ditch, Kagera Park, May 24.
- 86 from grass roots top of causeway ditch, Kagera Park, May 24.

Uganda

- 87 on road to Juba, May 28.

Sudan

- 88 near puddle near shore, Buffalo Cape, river Nile, June 1.
- 89 between piles of wood, Buffalo Cape, river Nile, June 1.
- 90 hard lumps of soil, Buffalo Cape, river Nile, June 1.
- 91 from shore Kaka, river Nile, June 2.
- 92 soft black soil from just above water's edge, Salem Bango, river Nile, June 3.
- 93 Jebelen, river Nile, June 4.

April 13, 1955

Dear Monsieur Matagne, I regret that I was unable to see you in person to thank you for your courtesy, and the collecting permits that you have granted our party.

Your letter received this same day, is appreciated, though we are a bit sorry not to collect a few animal hosts. We appreciate the fact that experienced taxidermists are hard to find in Africa on such short notice.

Until all the invertebrate animals that we are collecting have been studied, we shall not be in a position to accept your kind offer to aid in sending material to the Museum at Tervuren, but this we shall do at the first opportunity from Washington.

My kindest regards to you,
Sincerely

Halder L. Schmitt.

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Annexe :

Bijlage :

Objet : Demande préparateur.

Voorwerp :

Monsieur le Docteur
WALDO L. Schmitt
Department of Zoology
Smithsonian Institution
à WASHINGTON.

Monsieur le Docteur,

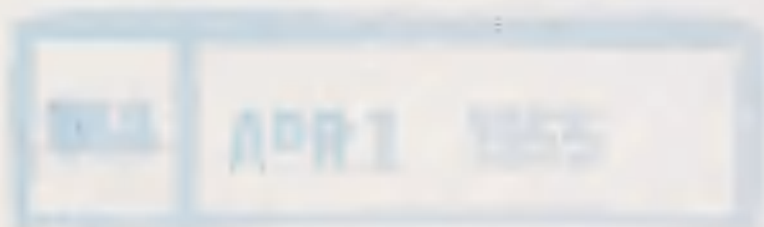
J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception
de votre lettre en date du 18 mars 1955.

Je regrette de devoir vous informer
de ce qu'il ne nous est pas possible de mettre un prépa-
rateur à votre disposition.

Si, durant votre séjour au Congo Belge,
vous avez des spécimens que vous destineriez au Musée du
Congo Belge à Tervuren, la Section Chasse et Pêche se char-
gerait volontiers de leur acheminement à destination.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, le Doc-
teur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.-

LE SOUS-DIRECTEUR CHEF DE SECTION,
F. MATAGNE.



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March 18, 1955.

Airmail

Dr. F. Matagne
Chef Service de Chasse et Pêche
Gouvernement Général
Leopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear Dr. Matagne:

With this I send to you the itinerary of our Belgian Congo Expedition. Should it be necessary to make any minor changes in it, I shall communicate with you again.

As you will note from this itinerary, we will be in Leopoldville from April 8 until April 16. During that time we may want to set out some small animal traps that we have with us. Would it be possible to employ someone with the knowledge and experience in skinning animals to skin the specimens of those that we may secure? I have been told that this is virtually impossible in the Congo because those who know how are steadily employed. It was my hope if we need such a person that he might be able to take leave from his regular employment so that we may hire him to skin whatever animals we may obtain. Which would be no other than the common rodents of the region.

I shall be seeing Dr. Van Straehlen in Brussels and you a few days later - I hope.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

Requests for gun
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Monsieur F. Matagne, Chef
Service de Chasse et Pêche
Gouvernement Général
Léopoldville, Belgian Congo

Dear M. Matagne:

The Smithsonian Institution is sponsoring the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition to the Belgian Congo for the purpose of collecting and studying primarily the invertebrate life of the region: the parasitic mites and ticks and their host plants and animals (rodents, shrews, bats, and perhaps in some cases, unprotected small birds), Crustacea, terrestrial and aquatic, as well as other arthropods, shells, fish, and such herpetological specimens as may be permitted.

The expeditionary party will consist of six people: a Mr. and Mrs. Bredin of Wilmington, Delaware; Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt of this Institution, carcinologist; Dr. Edward Baker of the United States Department of Agriculture, acarologist; Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton, medical consultant and photographer to the party, and his son Roy Lyman Sexton, Jr., who will assist his father. It so happens that Mr. and Mrs. Bredin find it impossible to take part in the expedition at the outset as originally planned, but they have high hopes of being able to join it at a later date in the field.

We have been in communication with Dr. Van Straelen, Président de l'Institut des Parcs Nationaux du Congo Belge about this matter as it is desired to visit several of the Parks under the jurisdiction of the Institut, namely the Garamba National Park, the Albert National Park, and the Kagera National Park, for the purpose of photographing the wild animal life there sheltered. In the first and last named parks guest house privileges, if available, are being respectfully requested for two nights in each, with, of course, the payment of the customary fees for such accommodations.

We address you as Chef of the Service de Chasse et Pêche as this small expedition will need a scientific hunting permit in order to gather and preserve animals and plants of the kinds indicated above. Also, can it be granted such other permits as may be required by law for a scientific expedition of this nature? Aside from preservatives, some small traps, tow nets, plastic containers, and so forth, the party would like to carry two collecting pistols, Marble game-getters so called, with two approximately foot-long barrels, one "410" for small dust-shot shells for bats, lizards, and so forth, and one for commercial 22 shells. These pistols are packed with the collecting and photographic gear which is being sent by the Belgian African Line in advance of the arrival of the party by air (Sabena) on April 8 at Léopoldville.

At this writing it is expected that the party will arrive at the Garamba National Park and Gangala-na-Bodio about April 28 or 29 for two nights, and at the Kagera Park for two nights about May 22 or 23. However, Dr. Schmitt will more precisely inform the officials in charge of these parks of arrival dates as soon as these can be definitely determined. In the Albert Park, which is generally open to visitors, it is planned to spend several days at both the Mutwanga and Ruindi camps under reservations secured through Mr. Eric Thornton-Dailly of Bukavu, who is handling also the hotel reservations enroute and providing the autos in which the party will be travelling, between Stanleyville and Costermansville and beyond. Permission to collect some specimens of lava in the Albert Park for our Department of Geology will be requested of the Conservateur of this park by Dr. Schmitt on arrival there.

An outline of the itinerary as at present determined will be forwarded shortly.

Drs. Schmitt and Baker will try to pay their respects to Dr. Van Straelen at the Institut in Brussels on April 6th or 7th before flying to Léopoldville.

Any courtesies that you may grant them and the Smithsonian-Bredin Expedition will be received with great appreciation by this Institution.

Cordially yours,

Leonard Carmichael
Secretary

Enc. Lett. to Bredo
cc: Mr. Bredo

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AIR LETTER

February 21, 1956

Mr. Marc Micha
Conservateur du Parc
National de la Garamba
Station de Nagero
par Faradje
Uele - Belgian Congo
via Juba/Aba

Dear Mr. Micha:

I know you have been wondering what has become of me after our most pleasant visit with you and your wife at your home in the Garamba Park. It was an unforgettable occasion, as was also our day's trip through the Park with you in your jeep.

Of the many feet of film we took, more than half of it was badly fogged due either to faulty loading or a defective camera. I can well nigh weep over the result. It has about broken my heart; and of that outstanding experience, seeing you and your guide rouse the white rhino and have him run off past you, we have just a little bit of fogged film to show. The ferry across the river and of the jeep on the road all are fogged, and most of the beautiful animal shows that you made it possible for us to take. Such is life and luck on some occasions, and I am sorry we were as unfortunate as it has turned out to be.

With this I am sending you a little remembrance for that sturdy youngster you had in the crib. It is a wonderful child and now about old enough to enjoy the little rattle I am sending you. It is like the one with which my grandchildren got their first exercises and upon which they cut their teeth.

If ever you make a trip to the States, I hope you will not fail to come to Washington. We have some very marvelous national parks, and in their way they are fine, but yours are equal to them in most every particular, and in some ways far more exciting.

It was a pleasure to get to know you, and I hope we meet again. All good wishes and all good luck to you and yours.

Sincerely,

Waldo L. Schmitt
Head Curator
Department of Zoology

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MOISTEN FLAP WELL AND APPLY PRESSURE TO SEAL
NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
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**AIR LETTER
AÉROGRAMME**

**VIA AIR MAIL
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Mr. Marc Micha
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